



# WELCOME HOME!



Reverend Jim Dunlap, representing the 57 Pentecostal Churches in Virginia which now own AMA, turns over the key to the Roller-Robinson House to Goodloe Saunders, '57, President of the AMA Alumni Association, during dedication ceremonies of AMA's Alumni House and Museum. Dunlap opened his remarks by saying, "Augusta Military Academy alumni - Welcome Home!"

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Gray, Leavel,  
Pearson, Starnes  
and Williamson are  
1<sup>st</sup> AMA Medal winners**

Augusta Military Academy  
Alumni Association, Inc.

June 1999



Dear Fellow Alumnus:

Did you make it back for the most stupendous AMA reunion yet? 400 plus folks did, and you need only ask any one of them what they thought about that never to be forgotten weekend. The only surprises we had were good ones!

The highlight of the weekend was the dedication of the Roller-Robinson House in the center of the campus as our AMA Alumni House and Museum. Work already has begun to renovate and restore that 130 year old cherished landmark. We plan to cut the ribbon and officially open the museum and our alumni headquarters at the Year 2000 Reunion next May. When that great day comes, *I want the house to be paid for!* Some say that I am shooting for the moon to expect this. I say if you shoot for the moon and miss, you'll still land among the stars! To the stars through difficulties - *Ad Astra per Aspera* - after all, that is our credo. I just know that there are 150 AMA alumni and friends out there who will make a one-time gift of at least \$1,000 to see that we open our doors next May *free of debt*. We are so convinced of this that we have created a President's Council to honor those who make a \$1,000 one-time gift toward the project. (See story on page 7)

Can we do it? Of course, we can. We need your help, and we need it now! Look into your heart and make this wonderful dream a reality. You'll be so proud of what you've done! Thank you so very much.

*Goodloe Saunders, '57*

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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## PAVE THE WAY!

You'll see these 3 words throughout this edition of *The Bayonet*.

As we work to repair the interior and exterior of the Roller-Robinson House, turning it into the AMA Alumni House and Museum, we will have to replace most of the walkway that leads down the hill from the house toward the front gate.

This gives every alumnus and friend of AMA an opportunity to salute someone - remember someone - mark a date - and so forth.

For the new walk will be made of specially engraved paving bricks. You can buy a brick in memory of a classmate, teacher or friend. You can purchase one to honor a friend who is still here (letting him or her 'smell the roses' while still alive). Order one to remember an event or to salute all your old roommates. The possibilities are endless!

Think about it! The brick you buy will be there for a very long time. The person or persons, event or thing will be "cast in stone" for all time.

You also will be able to use the purchase of these special pavers to help you earn membership in the President's Council which Goodloe discusses in his letter, above.

You'll see numerous samples of bricks already manufactured on the following pages. These may give you some ideas.

The price is so reasonable - \$50 for a 4X8 brick and \$100 for an 8X8 brick.

See all the details on pages 30-31. You'll also find an order form there.

When all the bricks needed to rebuild the walk are sold, there will be no further opportunity for you to have a special engraved paver in the walk. Don't be disappointed. Go to pages 30-31 now and place your order!

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WAY!

# AMA Alumni House and Museum dedicated on Fort Defiance campus

On a day in May one can only experience in the Shenandoah Valley, Augusta Military Academy consecrated the ancestral home of the Roller family whose members gave life and purpose to the institution.

Fishburne Superintendent Colonel Beau Beasley, the FMS band, color guard and firing squad all participated in the dedication of the 130 year old Roller-Robinson House as the AMA Alumni House and Museum. In his remarks, Beasley said, "no other place on earth is better fitted to preserve your memories, enshrine your icons, and revere your treasures."

Under the bluest of spring skies with a brisk Valley wind whipping the flags and bunting, Reverend James Lupton, '50, AMA's new chaplain, thanked God "for sending us the Roller family... who provided aesthetic discipline and sound learning, and

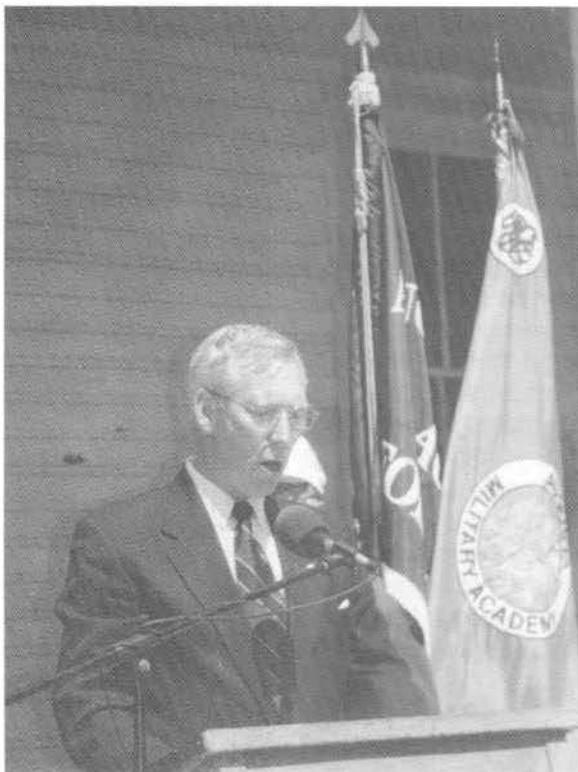
taught pure manners, humility and leadership through service."

#### Emotional moments

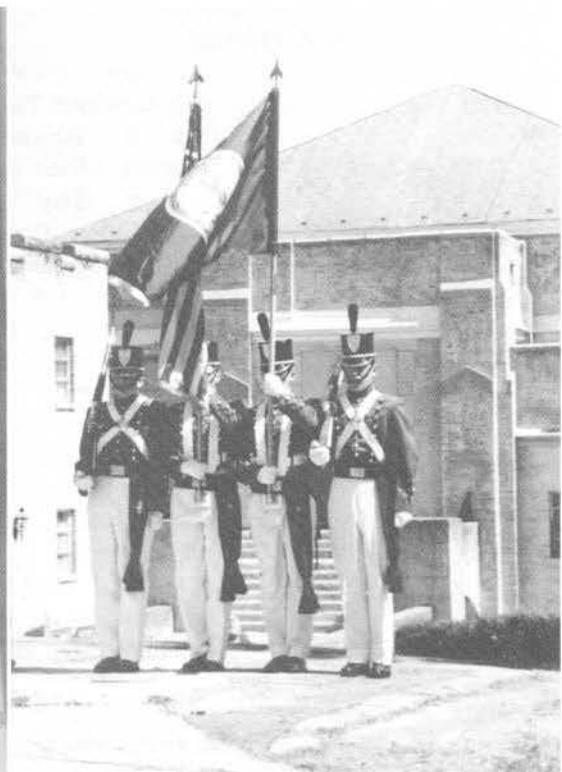
When his turn came to speak, Reverend James Dunlap, representing the Pentecostal Churches which now own Augusta, began by saying,

"Augusta Military Academy alumni - Welcome home!" He said to some 400 alumni and AMA friends gathered in front of the house that AMA "belongs in this place... It is good to have you back on your property."

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Colonel Oscar "Beau" Beasley, Fishburne Superintendent, speaks at dedication.



FMS Color Guard with the Big Room in the background.

You could hear it the moment you arrived on campus. In the line of cars on the Valley Pike waiting to turn in at the main gate, you could hear it.

Actually, you could feel it before you heard it. Unmistakable. The customary quickening of the pulse; the little shiver up the spine. If you were standing, you stood taller. You found yourself swallowing. Difficult to explain for some; obvious to Sousa.

It was the ruffle of drums. First, the feel of the bass drum, then the others. And the trumpets. But mostly the drums, the drums, the drums. Echoing over the parade ground as have so many other drum beats in decades past.

Young men in shakos battled to keep flag staffs aligned as an energetic Valley wind unfurled the flags to their limits.

The color guard and the band stepped off. The measured cadence of cadet footfalls on the blacktop.

To the martial music aficionado, the band might, on another day, be called thin.

But not on this May Day. The Colonel Bogey and the AMA Alma Mater never sounded more beautiful.

Cadets were back on our campus!

# Major Todd Livick, '81, leads Founders Day ceremonies at Old Stone Church Cemetery

Major Todd Livick, '81, whose great great grandfather founded Augusta Military Academy, said that it was "an unbelievable tribute to **Charles S. Roller, Sr.** and his descendants that in 1999 we still gather to honor their memory."

Standing in front of the monument where his great great grandparents are buried (along with **Colonel Tom Roller** and **General**

**Charles S. Roller, Jr.**, Todd's great grandfather), Livick said he first attended a Founders Day service in 1969 where his father, **Colonel Mal Livick** spoke. "It was the first time that I understood what a great family this was and how they molded so many young minds and young men..."

Major Livick remembered that before Route 11 became so congested, the Corps of Cadets would march up the highway to the cemetery on Founders Day. "In later years," he said, "the Corps would cross Lily Valley at route step and reassemble by the Stone Church for the march to the cemetery."

And he recalled that his great grandfather, The Big Boy, "didn't know a bad boy. That's why so many here today respect and revere him."

## Fishburne participates

The Fishburne Band and Color Guard led the way into the cemetery. A prayer was offered by Reverend J. Mark Stanley of the

**Francis X. Fields, '48, sounds Taps.**

Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church. **Frank Spencer, '49**, called the



The Fishburne Military School Firing Squad fires a 21-gun salute to the Roller family.



**Major Todd Livick, '81, remembers his ancestors during Founders Day ceremonies.**

roll of all Augusta men who had passed away in the last year.

The Class of 1939 placed a wreath at the Roller tomb, and a Fishburne firing squad of 7 fired 3 volleys.

**Francis X. Fields, '48**, played Taps. As the colors were retired, the FMS Band struck up the AMA school song and exited the cemetery to the applause of the crowd.

Traditionally, Founders Day was 8 May, Professor Roller's birthday.

## Senator John Chichester addresses luncheon

# **AMA's greatest gift is instilling in others the lessons learned at Augusta**

Calling it "an incredible joy to be back at AMA," **John Chichester**, '55, Chairman of the Virginia Senate Finance Committee, told a reunion luncheon crowd of 400 that the lessons learned at AMA "should be instilled in those to follow."

The lunch was held in the AMA Gymnasium, the site of many memorable athletic events, dances, and graduation ceremonies. The meal was served by volunteers from the Virginia Conference of Pentecostal Churches which now owns AMA.

Chichester said that when he first came to Augusta, "I was so homesick that I didn't want to come back to school after Christmas my first year, but I did, and like the Army, the lessons I learned here have stayed with me all my adult life."

### **General Roller**

The Senator wondered aloud what **General Roller** would think about the crowd gathered for this reunion. "He would look with great joy on it, but he would be chagrined to see **Luke Snyder**, '60, wearing black shoes with tassels!" Snyder was decked out in his AMA uniform, the Eisenhower jacket bearing the 3 pips of Band Company Captain. As the Senator had noticed, Luke's shoes were *not* regulation. Chichester said he had never misspelled 'separate' nor did he ever make 'all right' one word. "Those 2 were on



**Senator John Chichester,  
Virginia's 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District**

*every spelling test that the Big Boy gave in all the time I was at Augusta."*

The Fredericksburg lawmaker said that self government won't work without self discipline. "Self discipline was a pillar of this institution. You learned here to be part of a team, to be clean, to look your best, and to be on time.

"Today, I hear parents say that they are frightened of their children. I can't imagine that. The parents who sent us here knew what was best for us even if we often did not."

Chichester said that "The sun will set tonight on an empty barracks, but it will rise tomorrow with all the hope, knowledge and discipline that we learned at AMA. That is AMA's gift. Instill it in those to follow."



**The Saturday reunion lunch saw more than 400 people pack the gymnasium where Virginia Senate Finance Chairman John Chichester, '55, spoke. The luncheon began as all assemblies in the Big Room began - a chorus of America followed by The Lord's Prayer. At right, front, the Fishburne Color Guard has just presented the Colors.**

# Bill Gray, '37, longtime AMA Chaplain, passes away

**William Elmer Gray, Jr., '37**, the Augusta Military Academy Chaplain for many years, passed away 10 February 1999 in Arlington (VA) Hospital. Gray, 80, had been hospitalized since mid-January with lung cancer and pneumonia.

Bill was born in Laurel, MD 2 months before the end of World War I. He graduated from Laurel High before entering Augusta in 1935. Finishing at AMA in 1937, he attended VMI and later the University of Maryland.

In 1941, 10 months before Pearl Harbor, Bill enlisted in the Army. He saw World War II service in North Africa and Europe, finally coming home in October of 1945.

For many years, he worked for the Future Farmers of America and was very active in American Legion and VFW activities, serving as Commander of 2 American Legion posts in Washington, DC and as the Department Commander of the VFW in Washington.

He was a Mason, a member of Scottish Rite, and a Greeter at Kena Temple. At the time of his death, he was Service Officer of the General Billy Mitchell Post 85 in Arlington, his hometown.

Betty recalled that it was Bill's dream to move back to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley that he had come to love when he attended Augusta. At



**ANNUAL CEREMONY** - At each Founders Day, by the graves of the Roller family in the Stone Church Cemetery, Chaplain Gray would read the list of AMA alumni and friends who had passed away in the last year. This photo from 1996 with then AMA Alumni Association President Gary Nicholson, '70, in the background.

AMA, Bill had been known as "Fred Astaire." "Boy, could he dance and dance well," says Betty. The 1937 *Recall* said that Bill "could be found in many places, especially in places where one finds girls." In all his time

grey line going back to the first days of AMA... You are dedicating a memorial to a great school led by great people. It is a noble and worthy endeavor."

He recalled that Colonel Morgan Hudgins and **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.** went to VMI together. Colonel Hudgins went on to lead Fishburne while General Roller came to AMA in 1907 after his father's death and remained until he died in 1963. "They were friends, but competitors," said Beasley. "Augusta and Fishburne had the longest running military prep school rivalry in the country..."

The dedication ceremonies began when **Francis X. Fields, '48**, AMA's

at Augusta, he never missed a dance.

## AMA Alumni President

Bill was President of the AMA Alumni Association in 1988-89. He never failed to undertake any task that would benefit the association. In recent years, Bill had taken charge of registration at the annual AMA Alumni Reunions, often staying at the registration desk well past the appointed closing hour.

Named AMA Chaplain, he was in constant contact with AMA alumni who were sick, and with the families of former cadets who passed away. Each Founders Day in May, Bill would read the list of those who had heard Taps since the last reunion, a somber occasion touched with class by Bill's delivery and demeanor.

Bill had a large family, some from his first marriage but many more when he married his Betty Ellen. She recalls that "Bill said he had inherited a large family when we got married in 1995... but my family was his and they loved each other from the first day."

Many people, including his wife, thought Bill was the best organized man they knew. "He was a doer. He was the man to see if you wanted the job done right," says AMA Alumni President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**. "He was there when we needed him during some very trying times. We will surely miss our friend Bill."

number one bugler when he was at Augusta, sounded Assembly, the first bugle call heard on the Fort Defiance campus since the school closed at the end of 1983.

The Fishburne Color Guard and Band took up positions flanking the old house. As the band played the National Anthem, **Colonel Will Parkins, '35**, and AMA Legacy Scholarship winner Bill Click raised an American flag to the top of the old house pole. The band also played AMA's *Alma Mater*.

Saunders called the ceremonies "stirring and emotional. Lots of warm and wonderful memories came flooding back to me. I was very glad that we have it all on video."

## Dedication (from page 3)

Dunlap then related the story about one of the Pentecostal ministers who had spotted a photo of an AMA cadet in full dress at an antique sale. "Others were bidding on the frame. We wanted the picture," said Dunlap. The picture and a full dress uniform auctioned with the it were donated to the AMA Museum by the Pentecostal Church. (See picture and story on back page. Can you tell us who is the cadet in the picture?)

Dunlap presented a ceremonial key to the house to **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, President of the AMA Alumni Association and the moving force behind the alumni house and museum.

Beasley said that there is a "long

# President's Council is launched to help underwrite Alumni House/Museum project

## \$1000 one time gifts being sought from 150 contributors

"We want to open the AMA Alumni House and Museum in May of the Year 2000 without owing any money on its renovation."

That's the hope of AMA Alumni President **Goodloe Saunders**, '57, who told the annual membership meeting in Staunton that he hopes at least 150 people will give \$1,000 or more in a one time gift to underwrite the costs of remodeling the circa 1870 Roller-Robinson House.

"The best way for us to start off our long dreamed about AMA Alumni House and Museum is to open it in the black," said Saunders. "I have been hearing from alumni and AMA friends these past few years who have said that they were ready to make substantial contributions when they knew that AMA

was going to have a museum and alumni center."

### The President's Council

To encourage contributions, The President's Council has been created. The first 150 people who contribute at least



The Roller-Robinson House, framed by century old trees, on the morning of Saturday 1 May, just before dedication services began.

### To become a member of THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

**Send your one time contribution  
of \$1,000 or more to**

**PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL  
AMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
P. O. BOX 101  
FORT DEFIANCE, VA 24437**

(Note: Purchase of engraved pavers for the sidewalk in front of the AMA Alumni House and Museum can count toward the \$1,000. See details on pages 30-31.)

\$1,000 to the renovation work will become charter members. Members will get a special tour of the AMA Museum before it opens officially on Saturday, May 6, 2000. They will also have an invitation to a special event at next year's reunion and a President's Council ribbon will be affixed to the reunion registration badge of each member. President's Council members will receive a quarterly report on the progress of the restoration of the Roller-Robinson House to its 1870 appearance.

"The Alumni House and Museum will shelter the most precious of AMA memorabilia within the walls of the home where AMA's founder lived and where **Colonel Tom** and **Major/Colonel/General Roller** were born," said Saunders. "A contribution to this effort will have a lasting impact on AMA's legacy."

The remodeling is being done in phases under the direction of Jon Cesafsky who recently was on the team that restored Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest.

# Virginia historical marker installed, unveiled

The State of Virginia approved a request by the AMA Alumni Association for an historical marker at AMA, and the sign was erected in time for an unveiling during the 1999 AMA Alumni Reunion.

**Duke Fancher, '58**, had worked with the Virginia Board of Historical Resources to have the wording for the marker approved and with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on the location of the sign.

With a group of AMA alumni looking on, **Linda Roller Livick**, great granddaughter of AMA's founder **Charles S. Roller, Sr.**, unveiled the marker which notes Augusta's place in history.

Augusta Military Academy is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Fancher gave credit to **Ed Click, '50**, **Terry Snow, '58**, and **Tommy Mitchell, '52**, for the work they did to see the sign go up.



Linda Roller Livick unveils the State of Virginia historical marker located just outside Augusta's main gate on US 11. Alumni in Fort Defiance for the 1999 reunion attended the ceremony.

## THE 1999 REUNION

available on professionally shot video

THE DRAMA! THE EMOTION! THE PAGEANTRY!

The dedication of AMA Alumni House and Museum

Military music on the campus once more

Founders Day ceremonies - Lunch in the gym

The first bugle call on campus since 1983

Fishburne Band, Color Guard and Firing Squad

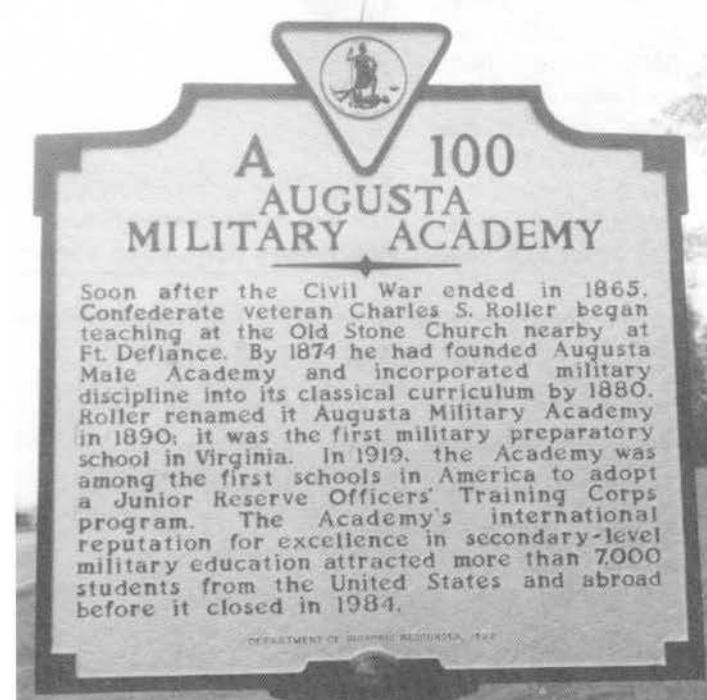
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While the alumni association paid for the manufacture and erection of the metal marker, the State of Virginia Department of Transportation will maintain the sign.

# First AMA Alumni Medals awarded

## Six men from 1937-1972 chosen for contributions to the alumni association

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association awarded its first ever AMA Alumni Medals to 6 former cadets in classes from 1937 through 1972 at its annual awards banquet during the 1999 reunion..

Named by a committee appointed by President **Goodloe Saunders**, '57, the winners were **Edwin F. Click**, '50; **V.P. Leavel**, '39; **Steven L. Pearson**, '72; **James E. Starnes**, '50; and **Frank Williamson**, '60. **William Gray**, '37, was honored posthumously.

The medal can be awarded to any person who has made a significant contribution in time and effort to support the AMA Alumni Association and its goals. Former students, faculty, administrators, and friends of AMA are eligible.

The Awards Committee was charged with receiving nominations from alumni and selecting those who were clearly eligible for consideration.

The committee was chaired by **Jim Councill**, '49. Members of the committee are **Lt. Col. Steve Trent**, '70, **Duke Fancher**, '58, **Bob Bradford**, '50, and **Goodloe Saunders**, '57. None of the committee members was eligible to receive the award.

### Ed Click, '50

Ed was President of the Alumni Association 1991-92 and presently is AMA Treasurer. He looks after the association's investments and maintains the address files for all known alumni. He is Circulation Manager for *The Bayonet* and handles all mail addressed to the association.

### William E. Gray, '37

Bill was President of the AMA Alumni Association in 1988-89. For years, he served as AMA's chaplain keeping in touch with ill alumni and consoling families when a former cadet left us. Each year, he manned the registration desk at the reunion. He passed away early this year.

### V.P. Leavel, '39

V.P. also served as President in 1976-79, a critical time in the history



**Betty Gray** accepts the posthumous AMA Alumni Medal presented to her husband, the late **Bill Gray**, '37. Standing, center, is **V.P. Leavel**, '39, another medal winner, and at right, **President Goodloe Saunders**, '57,



**Awards Committee Chairman James Councill, '49, announces the Alumni Medals at the Awards Banquet.**

of the school and of the association. He was instrumental in having the

new infirmary built and at the best price. He worked tirelessly to get other alumni interested in the needed reorganization of the association.

### Steve Pearson, '72

Steve is AMA's e-mail postmaster. He organizes and operates AMAMail @aol.com which relays messages to and between alumni. He now has some 300 alumni on the AMAMail list and he has used the internet effectively to find many alumni whose addresses were lost to the association.

### James Starnes, '50

Jim gave up 2 years of his life in a well conceived effort to see AMA reopened. His plans brought praise from academic and military sources, and the only reason AMA is not open today is because the owners put an unreasonable price on the school. Jim still gives his all to AMA.

### Frank Williamson, '60

Frank is the most productive finder  
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MEDAL WINNER  
Edwin Click, '50



MEDAL WINNER  
V.P. Leavel, '39



MEDAL WINNER  
Steve Pearson, '72



MEDAL WINNER  
James Starnes, '50



MEDAL WINNER  
Frank Williamson, '60

## Alumni medal *(continued)*

of lost alumni. He found his football team members, his classmates, and fellows from adjacent classes. For 2 consecutive years, Frank's group at the reunion has practically taken over the Host Inn where they have a mini-reunion within the annual reunion.

### Highest standards

President Saunders said that these 6 fellows "set the highest standards for the rest of us. They have been there consistently when they were needed. Each AMA man owes these wonderful guys his profound thanks for taking us through some rough times to the bright future we now see for the AMA Alumni Association."

## Bill Armstrong, '32, author of *Sounder*, passes away at 85

William H. Armstrong, '32, whose literary works included *Sounder*, passed away in early April at his home in Kent, CT. He was 85.

Armstrong wrote *Sounder* in the late '60's, the story of a Black sharecropper, his family, and a coon dog named Sounder. His novel won the Newberry Medal for "the most distinguished contribution to literature for children in 1969." The book won the 1972 Mark Twain Award, was named by the New York Times as the best children's book of 1970, and was made into a full length Disney movie in 1972 which received an Academy Award nomination as best picture.

After graduating from Augusta, Armstrong attended Hampden-

Sydney, then did graduate work at the University of Virginia. After brief tenures at Jefferson High School in Roanoke and the Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, he joined the staff of Kent School where he taught for the next 52 years.

He published several other books and some poetry. At Kent, Armstrong was famous for his travel about the area on a bicycle. He kept a farm just outside of town where he raised a flock of sheep.

How did the AMA Alumni Association learn that Armstrong had passed away? A letter arrived from Bill saying, "This is to inform you of my death 11 April 1999...", a letter written so that only the date needed to be filled in when Bill died. He went on to say, "I enjoyed my life. I loved this glorious earth where I was allowed to grow old. I naturally hate to leave it - but life would have no meaning were it to go on forever."

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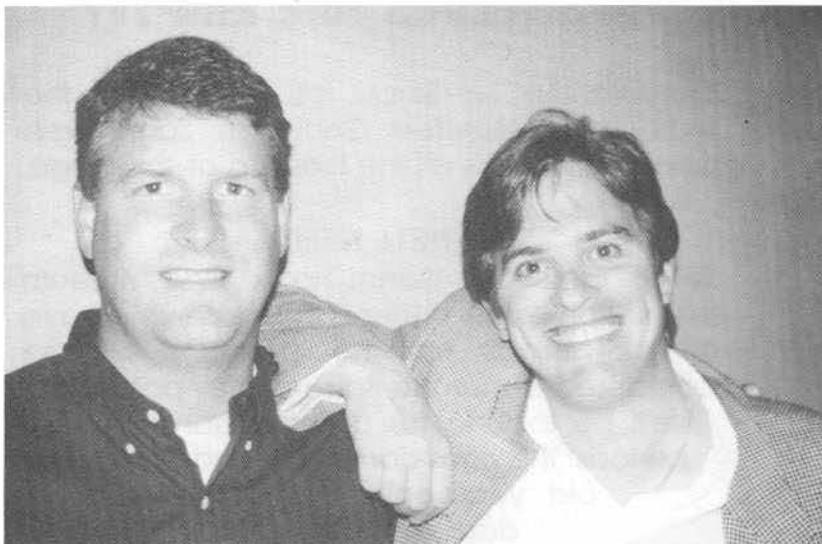
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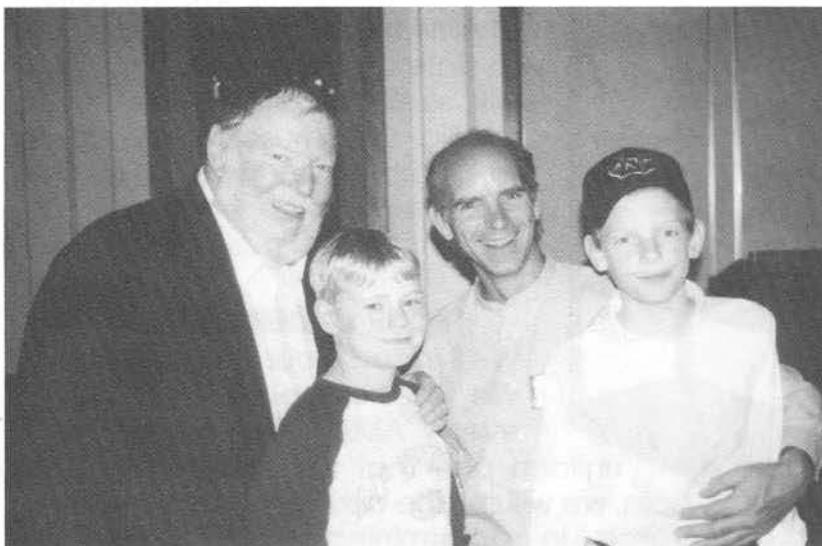
**CLASS OF '39**

**HONOR AN AMA ALUMNUS**

**DETAILS ON PAGES 30-31**



**A '70'S SATURDAY NIGHT** - Bob Tulloss and Paul Karch, '79, at the Saturday night party during the '99 reunion, for their class' 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



**10 YEAR OLD TIES** - Bill Harris, '48, brought his 10 year old grandson, John, to the reunion. Brett Thompson, '75, brought his 10 year old son, Will. Once the boys found each other, they needed no other planned entertainment!



**A DATE FOR THE DANCE** - Julian Quarles, '35, and Helen Lineweaver enjoy a Saturday night with Augusta Military Academy friends.

## 1999 REUNION MEMORIES



**UNIFORMLY SHARP** - Luke Snyder, '60, and Dr. Sam O'Mansky, Fishburne, '48, stand at attention in their school's respective uniforms during Founder's Day ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery.

### New Addresses You'll Need

**The Bayonet's new address is:**  
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**The new AMA webpage is at:**  
[www.AMAAlumni.org](http://www.AMAAlumni.org)

**Stay in touch!**

# WHAT GOOD IS A MUSEUM IF THE SHELVES ARE EMPTY?

The long wait is nearly over! After so many years of talking about an Augusta Military Academy Museum, we are on the verge of having one. The 130-year-old Roller-Robinson House, built by Professor Roller just five years after the Civil War ended, was the birthplace of Colonel Tom Roller, Major/Colonel/General Charles Roller, Jr., Maggie Belle Roller (later Mrs. Warren Robinson), and Dr. W. C. Roller.

Within the walls of the house where these AMA legends came into the world, the legacy they left will be sheltered and cultivated. Here at the AMA Alumni House and Museum will be housed the most complete and significant collection of AMA photos, files, books, uniforms, memories *if we have your help!*

A committee of alumni will oversee the restoration of the house to its historically accurate former state. We can replace the sagging roof and we can paint the cheerless exterior of the old house.

But we cannot fill the museum with memories without your help. What good is a museum if the shelves are empty? That's where you can come in. The history of AMA is squirreled away in attics and musty drawers, and we must depend on you and others to dig through those faded papers, tarnished breast plates and moth assaulted woolens to help us assemble the things that tell the Augusta Military Academy story.

## WHAT WE NEED NOW

Our most urgent need at this time is to find out what is out there. What do you have in your basement or attic that would help make the museum what we want it to be?

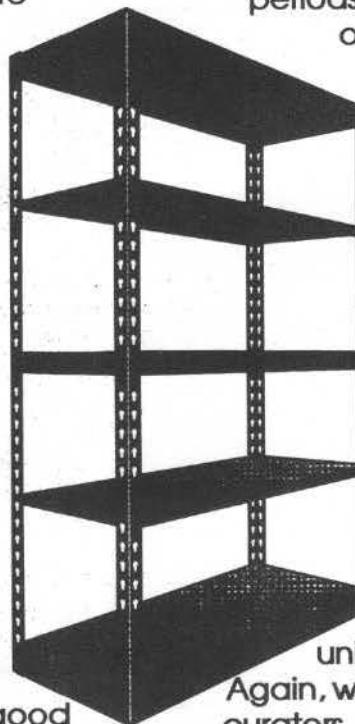
**We don't want you to send anything yet!** We have no place to store anything at this time. But we would like to know what you have that you might be willing to donate or lend to the AMA

Museum. Let us know by contacting the Museum Committee Chairman John Hash whose address is at the bottom of this page.

## WHAT WE'LL NEED LATER

When the AMA Alumni House and Museum restoration is well under way, those who have offered things for the museum will be contacted about the items in their possession.

We'll be looking for uniforms from different periods, the arms carried by cadets, photos, old yearbooks and school papers, dance cards, football programs, first days and last days. The museum will be not only a place to display a complete collection of AMA memorabilia, but a place to store other precious items. We will seek the advice of those familiar with museum operations to determine what will be displayed and what will be catalogued for possible later use.



## YOUR UNDERSTANDING

We'll need your understanding. We will not be able to display every AMA belt buckle and uniform part that we may be offered. Again, we will ask the advice of other museum curators in determining what should be displayed initially, what will be held for later display, what will be catalogued.

We anticipate having some static displays plus other displays that will change as different aspects of AMA life are highlighted from time to time. If an item donated is not displayed initially, it may very well be shown at a later date.

## WILL YOU HELP US?

Please let us know now what you may have for the AMA Museum. Send a note to John Hash, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101. Be watching for news about the creation of the AMA Alumni House and Museum!

Many thanks!

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# Roller-Robinson House will return to 1870 look

The objective of the renovation work on the Roller-Robinson House is to return the 1870 structure to its original condition.

In a report to the AMA Membership Meeting at the 1999 reunion, **LTC Steve Trent, '70**, said, "We plan to create an Alumni House for former cadets and friends of AMA to visit and we plan to have all the work done by alumni weekend, May 2000."

Trent is a member of the Museum Construction Committee. He explained that the work will be done in 5 phases. The first phase - to demolish parts of the building which were added in later years - was nearly finished by mid-May, according to **Terry Snow, '58**, another committee member. The house is to be made water tight and a firewall constructed between the house and the old Mess Hall.

Trent said that Phase 2 will include installation of a copper roof and work on the front steps and walk. After that, the siding and cornices will be repaired or replaced and new window frames will be installed. Sealing and painting of the exterior will follow.

Phase 4 covers electrical, plumbing, and heating and air conditioning work while Phase 5 involves interior restoration.

#### Cost estimate

The job is being run by Jon Cesafsky who most recently worked to restore Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest near Bedford. Estimated cost: in excess of \$150 thousand.

Trent said that there are several ways to pay for the work. "Donations are being sought through the President's Council (see story on page 7) and other gifts. We are selling engraved bricks at \$50 and \$100 each to repair and replace the sidewalk. We are confident that we can do the job so that AMA alumni will once again have a piece of our campus."



**Colonel Trent used a slide presentation to explain the process for remodeling the Roller-Robinson House and having it ready by the alumni weekend in May 2000.**

## Evaluation forms sought by AMA Reunion planners

Everyone who registered for the 1999 AMA Alumni Reunion received an evaluation form in their registration packet. Reunion planners are asking that those who attended the reunion send in the evaluations to the AMA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437.

**Duke Fancher, '58**, who co-ordinated the 1999 get together, said that the completed forms "will help us determine what worked and what did not so we can repeat what was good and eliminate the rest."

For those who may have misplaced the evaluation forms, the Year 2000 Reunion Committee would appreciate your feedback to the address listed above.

**PAVE THE WAY**

**THANK YOU,  
MOM AND DAD  
FOR FINDING  
AMA**

**BUY A BRICK TO HONOR YOUR FOLKS  
DETAILS ON PAGES 30-31**

# The Augusta Golf Open raises money for Alumni Association

The second annual AMA Open was played at the Staunton Country Club on Friday of the reunion weekend with the threesome of **John Douglas, '69, Bill Scarborough, '69, and Jack "Peachie" Schwarzman, '63**, holding down first place at 9 under par.

Organizers **Garry Granger, '71, and Lewie Kennett, '72**, were pleased that after all their expenses, they were able to turn over \$525 to the AMA Alumni Association. "We're going for \$1,000 next year!" says Granger confidently.

On a beautiful spring day marred only by occasional strong winds, Kennett won for the longest drive, Granger for closest to the pin, and **Keene Byrd, '59**, took honors for the longest putt. Last place went to the foursome of Glenna Kennett (wife of Lewie), **Al Zayas, '72, Ron "Scooch" Melcher, '71**, and Granger with a net score of one over.

"We had a great day, smoked some great cigars, and didn't tear up the course too badly," said Granger. (There is some dispute about the condition of the course after the Blue and White had finished play. One wag was heard to say that there had not been that much soil disturbed in a single day since **Tommy Simmons** dropped a nickel in some tall grass!)



**CIGARS AT THE READY**, the Augusta golfers pose before tearing up the Staunton Country Club course. Stogies, courtesy of Jorge Rovirosa, '70.



**THE BLUE RIDGE** a perfect backdrop on a near perfect day, Nick Syropoulos, '69, tees off from Number One, right. Nicky's cart, above, sports a Company C guidon long ago purloined from the relics of the closed school.



# Reverend Jim Lupton, '50, new AMA Chaplain

The Reverend James H. Lupton, Jr., '50 has accepted appointment as Chaplain of the AMA Alumni Association. He replaces the late Bill Gray, '37, who passed away in February of this year. Lupton also joins the AMA Board.

Lupton retired in 1996, his last church before retirement being St. Albans Episcopal in Stuttgart, AR. He then moved back home to North Carolina where he is now Priest-in-Charge at St. George's Episcopal Chapel in Lake Landing.

Lupton received an A.B. at Duke in 1954, a Master of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania in 1960, and a Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX in 1985.

From 1960 until 1983, Jim was an architect. In 1983-85, he attended seminary and in 1986, he was ordained and served in several churches in Texas and Arkansas. In 1995, he was elected Dean of Convocation for the Southeast Arkansas Episcopal Diocese.

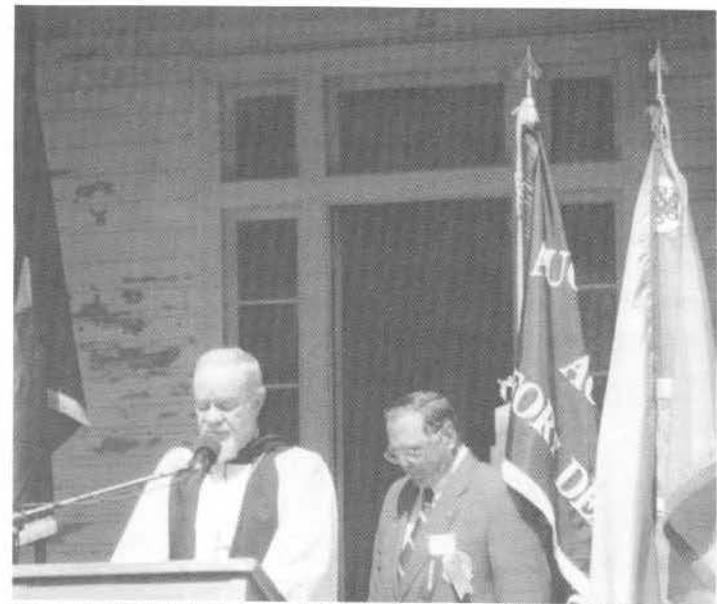
At AMA, Jim was 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant on the Staff, on the YMCA Cabinet, and the staff of both *The Bayonet* and *The Recall*.

Jim has 3 children: James, III, Jonathan, and Christopher. Jim's wife Lidie accompanied him to the 1998 reunion, but sadly she passed away unexpectedly just 10 days before the 1999 reunion. But Reverend Jim had made a commitment to attend this year's reunion, and he did.

Ad Astra per Aspera - which, by the way, he is.



Paul Karch, '79, pins AMA crossed rifles on his daughter's lapel. Helena was one of many children who attended the 1999 reunion. Brett Thompson, '75, is preparing a program for children for the Year 2000 reunion. Right, above, the new AMA crossed rifles.



The Reverend James H. Lupton, Jr., '50, AMA's new chaplain, delivers the invocation at the Roller-Robinson House dedication. Right, head bowed, is AMA Alumni President Goodloe Saunders, '57.



**KIDS** who came to the 1999 AMA Reunion got a shiny set of AMA crossed rifles to wear, left. The famous Augusta insignia is again being manufactured for the alumni association and were on sale at the AMA PX during the reunion. Kids attending the reunion this year also got certificates which named them Honorary AMA Cadets.

## Reunion Facts

- While 7 alumni came back to the reunion from California, **Bill Bowers**, '69, had the man-mile record. He came to Fort Defiance from Alaska.
- The oldest class represented by alumni was the Class of 1935: **Colonel Will Parkins** and **Julian Quarles** finished at AMA 64 years ago.
- The newest class was represented by **Wayne Kreson**, '83.
- **Bob Hume**, '63, donated a bus for the Ladies Tour. The bus went to the P. Buckley Moss Museum in Waynesboro, delivered the ladies to a wonderful luncheon in Staunton, and took them on a shopping trip in the afternoon.
- The great food at the Friday night reception was donated and delivered by **Bob Eacho**, '49.
- **Bill Klinck**, '62, and David and Bill Click, sons of **Ed Click**, '50, and both AMA Legacy Scholarship winners, handled the distribution of programs on Saturday. Thanks, guys!
- And **Bob Harris**, '54, printed those programs.

## Rovirosa elected to AMA Board

Jorge Rovirosa, '70, was elected to the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors at the annual membership meeting in Staunton 1 May.

Rovirosa played soccer, lacrosse and fenced at AMA. He was on the



Jorge Rovirosa accepts an AMA Legacy Scholarship on behalf of his daughter, Vivi, at the Friday night Awards Banquet.

Honor Committee at AMA and was chosen *Ad Astra*.

The Rovirosas live in Miami where Jorge is with Farovi Shipping Corporation/Florida Stevedoring, Inc., the company where he has worked since 1973. Since 1988, he also has been a partner in Equipment Leasing, Inc.

After AMA, he attended the University of Richmond and the University of Miami. He is a member and past president of the Miami Propeller Club, belongs to the Admiral's Fleet of Miami, and is a member of the Dade County (FL) Biscayne Bay Management Committee.

He and his beautiful wife Kiki have 6 children: Carolina, Victoria (Vivi), Mike, Juan, Michelle, and Miriam.

### GET A TAX REFUND?

Start working on a refund next year by making a contribution to the AMA Alumni Association now! We need your help and your support!

## Alumni in sporting clay shoot

The sound of gunfire echoed across the Rockingham County landscape as AMA alumni blasted sporting clays out of the sky.

**Stride Coleman, '72**, won the day by pulverizing 43 out of 50 clays. Event coordinator **Blaine Clarke, '72**, said "everyone has a great time

at these shoots and this year was no exception. We look forward to making this an annual event at each reunion."

The event took place Saturday afternoon after Founders Day ceremonies at the Flying Rabbit just outside Harrisonburg.



Scooch Melcher, '71, makes ready to fire at the AMA Alumni Sporting Clays shoot near Harrisonburg.

## Many classes still without class agents

In spite of intensive recruitment efforts, there are still quite a few classes that do not have class agents. The appointment of class agents helps assure the continued big turnouts for the reunions and guarantees that cadets from every class are represented by one of their own.

The alumni association provides up to date mailing lists and other helpful materials to assist the class agents in their work.

Here listed are the classes still without a class agent. If your class is listed, please consider volunteering to be class agent. e-mail [AMABayonet@aol.com](mailto:AMABayonet@aol.com) or mail to P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437.

Classes without a class agent are:

1936 ★ 1937 ★ 1938 ★ 1940  
 ★ 1941 ★ 1945 ★ 1946 ★  
 1947 ★ 1948 ★ 1949 ★  
 1952 ★ 1953 ★ 1955 ★ 1956  
 ★ 1961 ★ 1962 ★ 1963 ★  
 1964 ★ 1965 ★ 1966 ★ 1972  
 ★ 1973 ★ 1974 ★ 1976 ★  
 1977 ★ 1978 ★ 1980 ★ 1981  
 ★ 1982 ★ 1983 ★

Look at the list above. Two Honor Classes in the Year 2000 do **not** have a class agent: **1940** (60<sup>th</sup> anniversary) and **1980** (20<sup>th</sup> anniversary). We need volunteers from those classes now.



LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK was the theme of the 1999 reunion. Here, Jon Cesafsky, who is leading the restoration of the Roller-Robinson House, attaches a sign to the house.



THE MAJOR AND THE COLONEL - Major Todd Livick, '81, stands with his dad Colonel Mal Livick during Founders Day. Todd delivered the Founders Day address at the Roller Monument.



44 YEARS APART, Wayne Kreson, '83, and V. P. Leavel, '39, found plenty to talk about in the hospitality tent.

## 1999 REUNION MEMORIES



CADETS ON PARADE in front of Big Barracks once more. The Fishburne Military School Band marches into place for the AMA Alumni House dedication ceremonies.

### *Museum Committee to meet 17 June in Staunton*

The AMA Museum Development Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday 17 June in Staunton, according to **John Hash, '75**, chairman.

*"This will kick off the development phase of our efforts,"* says Hash. *"We continue to seek information from alumni and friends of Augusta about items they may want to donate to the AMA Museum. At present, we have nowhere to store items, but we do need to get together a list of what is out there and available to us."*

Hash asks that anyone with items to donate to the museum should contact him at P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.

Other members of the Museum Development Committee are **Duke Fancher, '58**, **Terry Snow, '58**, and **Frank Spencer, '49**. The museum will be housed in the AMA Alumni House. Both will be opened officially on Saturday 6 May, 2000 during next year's annual AMA Alumni Reunion.

## Stone Church gives 1888 photo to AMA

A photo of AMA, probably taken in 1888, was presented to the new AMA Museum by the Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church at the annual AMA Alumni Reunion.

The picture had been given to the church by Miss Sarah (Sally) McCue and likely was taken in one of only two years that the school was called The Augusta Classical and Military Academy. In 1890, Professor Roller changed the name to Augusta Military Academy.

The photo, which we hope to reproduce in the next *Bayonet*, shows a double row of cadets in front of the school with an interesting backdrop of children, pets, and a carriage. The Reverend Mark Stanley made the presentation at an alumni luncheon in the gymnasium.

### More reunion thank yous

To Susan and **Gary Nicholson**, '70, for all the wonderful food they prepared and delivered to our lips.

To **Tommy Simmons**, '53, for unstinting service at the bar.

To Ruth and **Bob Seeberger**, '58, for running the Silent Auction. (Shhh!)

To **Mark Briggs**, '68, and **Jack Field**, '47, for help with the tent.

To **Hugh Harmon**, '58, and **Steve Matton**, '67, for contributing to the purchase of the Virginia Historical Marker, now in front of AMA.

To Sheila and Carl Litsinger who brought their display of miniatures and made \$290 for AMA in the process.

To **Gary Nicholson**, '70, for doing all the good-looking name tags.

To **Bob Harris**, '54, for contributing so much beautiful printing work.

To **Frank Williamson**, '60, and his "wonder jug", which continues to make money for the AMAAA.

To **Garry Granger**, '71, for arranging the golf tournament; to **Blaine Clarke**, '72, for arranging the sporting clays shoot; and to **Colonel Frank Pilley**, '51, for coordinating the tennis match with Fishburne alumni.

**MOST OF ALL**, a thank you to **Duke Fancher**, '58, who coordinated the entire reunion!



**40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** - The Class of 1959 in front of the gym. The wreath was later placed at the spot where Classmate Chuck Lang stood formation. (see story on page 19) Above, l. to r., Keene Byrd, Henry "Tex" Wainwright, Don Blankenship, Bill McGrath, Dave Conrad, Jess VanEvera, Elliott Ridge and Lloyd Eastlack.



**FAMILIAR SIGHT** - At every AMA reunion in the past decade, one familiar sight you could count on was Bill Gray, '37, at the registration desk. Gray passed away in February. (see story on page 6 and TAPS on page 40)

We have memories of our Augusta that no one else on God's earth can fully fathom or rightly esteem... and the memories will last until there are only two of us left to share them.

# Roller Society numbers grow

Membership in the Roller Society continues to grow with 9 new members added during the 1999 AMA Reunion.

**Jeff Wenzel, '70**, Chairman of Planned Giving, announced the following new members:

**Paul Bratton, '48**

**Ida Spencer, wife of Frank, '49**

**Robert Harris, III, '54**

**Luke Snyder, '60**

**Jeffrey Schroeder, '67**

**Charles Pascale, '69**

**LTC Steve Trent, '70**

**Willis Walker, '71**

**Paul J. Thompson, III, '72**

The Roller Society was begun at the 1998 reunion and has as its purpose the commitment by alumni and friends of AMA that they will leave something to AMA when they are gone. *"Deferred contributions can really help us keep AMA's name alive,"* said Wenzel. *"The Bayonet in each issue has given new ideas on how you can leave money or assets to AMA with wills, bequests, life insurance, trusts, and countless other ways."*

The goal is to secure at least \$500,000 in commitments so that AMA's scholarship programs can be funded in perpetuity. Wenzel reported that *"We are well on our way to that target."*

To become a member of the Roller Society, **you do not need to reveal what you are leaving to AMA.** You do not have to reveal how much you are leaving to AMA.

You need only say that you are leaving *something* to AMA in your will, trust, insurance policy, etc.

Listed below are the current members of the Roller Society. Won't you add your name to the list?

**Joe Salicrup, '31** • **Mickey Gordon, '39** • **Frank Shultz, '41** • **Worthington Mahone, '42** • **Robert Spilman, '45** • **Dr. Edward Leventen, '46** • **Bobby Rhea, '47** • **Hal Walters, '48** • **Bill Harris, '48** • **Paul Bratton, '48** • **James Councill, '49** • **Dr. John Morris, '49** • **Clyde Ramsey, '49** • **Jeanne Morissette Ramsey, wife of Clyde Ramsey, '49** • **Frank Spencer, '49** • **Ida Spencer, wife of Frank Spencer, '49** • **Bob Bradford, '50** • **Nancy Bradford, wife of Bob Bradford, '50** • **Edwin Click, '50** • **James Starnes, '50** • **Rod Willey, '51** • **Robert Harris, III, '54** • **Charles Ridge, '57** • **Goodloe Saunders, '57** • **Terry Snow, '58** • **Duke Fancher, '58** • **Dave Conrad, '59** • **Luke Snyder, '60** • **Bill McVey, '60** • **Frank Williamson, '60** • **Andrew Campbell, '61** • **Rob Overly, '62** • **Steve Matton, '67** • **Mac McInnis, '67** • **Jeffrey Schroeder, '67** • **Nick Syropoulos, '69** • **Charles Pascale, '69** • **LTC Stephen Trent, '70** • **Jeff Wenzel, '70** • **Gary Nicholson, '70** • **Garry Granger, '71** • **Willis Walker, '72** • **Lewis Kennett, '72** • **Paul Thomson, III, '72** • **Noelle Nicholson, mother of Colonel Larry Nicholson, '75.**

**THANK YOU!**

## '59 Class honors Chuck Lang

Friends stood on the blacktop at the south end of Big Barracks. It was where **Chuck Lang, '59**, stood formation as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of Headquarters Company. But he wasn't there this time. He was killed in Vietnam on 12 September 1970.

The Class of '59 remembered. Chuck's roommate in CW Barracks, **Keene Byrd, '59**, brought a wreath to place on the spot where Chuck had stood. He recalled that the two of them made the last "silver raid" of the year in 1959, hiding all the Mess Hall utensils and pointing the blame elsewhere.

AMA Chaplain **Reverend Jim Lupton, '50**, offered a prayer thanking God for Chuck's life and his sacrifice. **Francis X. Fields, '48**, AMA's bugler in his day, blew a soft Taps, and the crowd moved away to assemble with those watching the dedication of AMA's new alumni house.

Major Charles Vanderbilt Lang, US Army, died in a helicopter crash. He was CO of Company B, 228<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Aviation Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division (AMBL). He received the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star with 2 oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with palm.



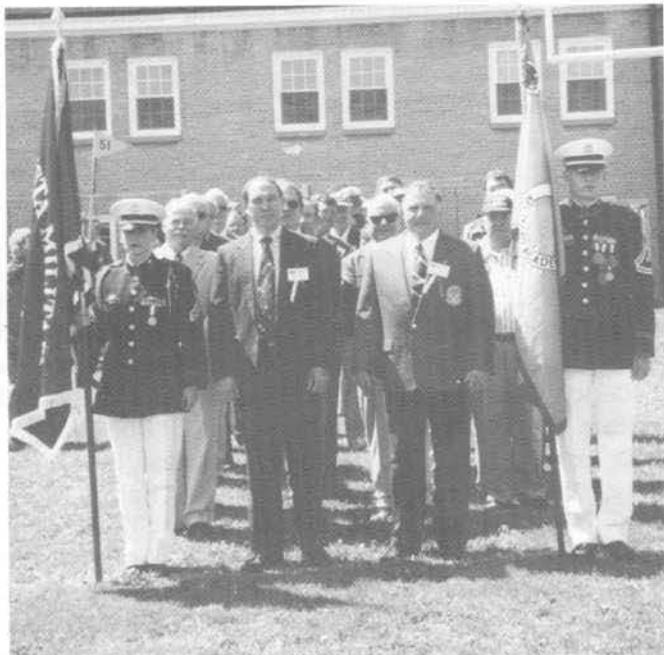
Above,  
1959 at the  
Chuck Lang

lieutenant of HQ



the Class of  
place where  
stood as the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Company. At the  
ceremony were '59ers Don Blankenship, Keene Byrd (with  
wreath), David Conrad, Lloyd Eastlack, Bill McGrath,  
Rodger Morris, Elliott Ridge and Jess VanEvera. Caps  
worn by '59ers, inset, bore a tribute to Chuck.

# Fishburne honors AMA alumni at review



THE AMA UNIT ready to march onto the FMS drill field, AMA colors borne by Massanutten cadets.

Augusta Military Academy alumni were honored by their old rivals Fishburne at a Corps Review in Waynesboro, the weekend before the AMA reunion in Staunton. AMA alumni, with Massanutten cadets carrying the AMA flags, marched as a unit and trooped the line (see picture below).

It was the beginning of an Augusta-Fishburne Relationship Renewal which included a tennis match, a luncheon, and a dinner with FMS alumni that evening. The next weekend, FMS sent their band, color guard and firing squad to take part in dedication ceremonies for the new AMA Alumni House and Museum and the annual Founders Day ceremonies.



AT FMS for the salute to AMA. L. to r., front row, Cadet Anthony Moomaw, Massanutten Military Academy; Tom Simmons, '53, Julian Quarles, '35, Bob Rhea, '47, Bill Klinck, '62, Lenny Pannell, '68, Cadet Tracey Pannell, Massanutten Military Academy (Lenny's daughter); 2<sup>nd</sup> row, Dickey Singers, '49, Bill Ault, '51, Goodloe Saunders, '57; 3<sup>rd</sup> row, Rick Welch, '67, Milt Gallier, '49, Ed Click, '50, Steve Trent, '70, Terry Snow, '58, Dave Conrad, 59; back row, Frank Pilley, '51, Jim Mackey, '47, Billy Parkins, '70, Colonel Will Parkins, '35, and Gary Nicholson, '70.



John York, FMS, son of David York, '65, and Tracey Pannell, MMA, Lenny Pannell's daughter with the AMA flag.

# Just like old times: Augusta 2, Fishburne 0

The gratitude to Fishburne for helping dedicate the AMA Alumni House and Museum was set aside momentarily as the Blue and White alumni netmen twice came from behind to defeat FMS 2-0 in the reopening of a century long rivalry.

The inaugural match was played on the Fishburne courts with plans for a rematch in 2000 in Augusta territory.

Two 8 game pro sets were played with AMA Team Captain **Jim Mackey**, '47, leading the way. AMA also suited up **Bill Ault**, '51, **Milt Gallier**, '49, **Colonel Frank Pilley**, '51, and **Paul Poluito**, '73.

The Fishburne captain was **John Maragon**, FMS, '48 and it was Maragon who conceived and planned the event. Other FMS players and their FMS classes were **Keith Dabney**, '74, **Stuart Watkins**, '59, and **Ware Smith**, VMI, '62.

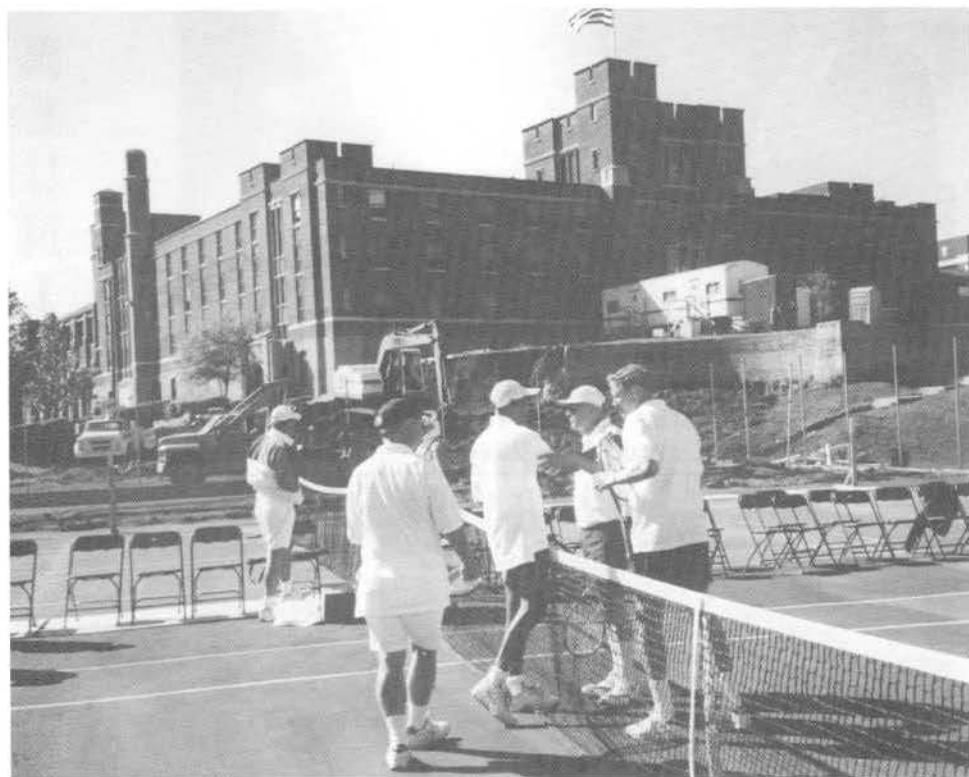
The umpire was **Colonel Bill Sedr**, currently headmaster at Fishburne, and AMA Headmaster 1978-84. When asked to rule on a shot or question, Sedr displayed loyalty to both schools by shrugging his shoulders and looking heavenward.

FMS went out to a quick lead over Mackey and Gallier before the Augusta men battled back to a 4-4 tie. They went to a tie breaker at 8-8, and AMA won 9-8. The 2<sup>nd</sup> set again saw Fishburne jump off to a lead, but Ault and Pilley fought back to win.

A new Hudgins-Roller Cup, named for the 2 legendary military prep school families, was awarded to Mackey by Maragon and Dr. Sam O'Mansky, FMS, '48, at the Friday night Awards Banquet.

The cup is engraved as follows: *The Hudgins-Roller Cup, awarded annually to the winner of a team tennis match between the alumni of Fishburne Military School and Augusta Military Academy. It perpetuates the taste, quality and spirit of Colonels Morgan H. Hudgins and Charles S. Roller, Jr., honored superintendents of these schools, and continues the oldest military prep rivalry in the South.*

Pilley will plan the Year 2000 rematch when Augusta will host the tournament at the Staunton Country Club, next



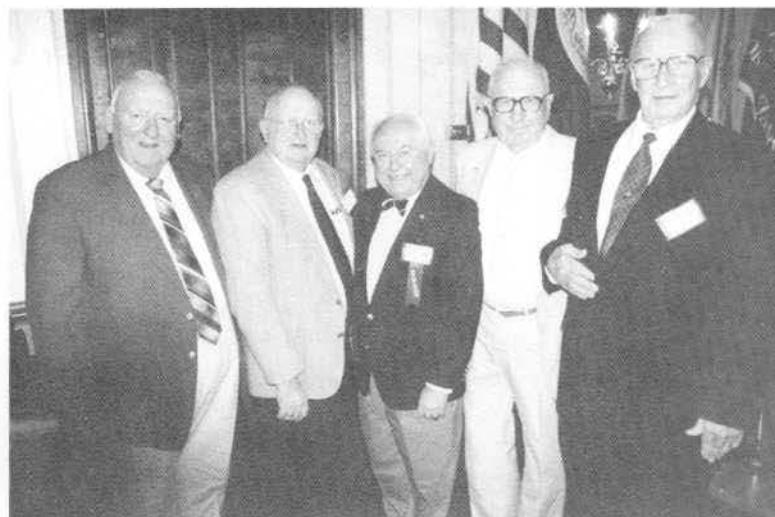
With the Fishburne barracks providing the backdrop, FMS and AMA netmen meet at center court. AMA won the match, 2-0.



John Maragon, captain of the Fishburne tennis team, presents the Hudgins-Roller cup to the AMA Captain Jim Mackey, '47. Holding the cup is Dr. Sam O'Mansky, FMS, '48.

door to the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center.

The tennis match was part of a relationship renewal event at Fishburne the weekend before the AMA Reunion. FMS cadets participated in the AMA weekend by bringing their color guard, band, and firing squad to Fort Defiance.



60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY - The Class of 1939, l. to r., V. P. Leavel, Bob Swartz, Mickey Gordon, Brent Riley and Luke Stephenson.

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CW BARRACKS - Frank Williamson, '60, worked hard and got 41 people back for the reunion! Shown at their Host Inn Headquarters, foreground, Pancho Campbell, '60 and Frank Williamson. L. to r., Bob Gevrekian, '61; Jim Mackey, '47; Fred Anderson, '60; Ron Reigleman, '61; Bob White, '60; Jim McLelland, '60; Jim Fletcher, '63; Bud Allison, '61; Byrd Newton, '62; Bernie McAleese, '60; Jim Crawford, '61; and Norm Strehle, '62.



The Hospitality Tent was always filled with people.



30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY - The Class of 1969, front row, Orenstein; Larry Reid; Bill Leustig; Steve Pas...  
Gary. 2<sup>nd</sup> row, Doug Bell; George Tisdale; La...  
Bowers; Gary Argenbright. Back row, Bill Baede...  
Note that vandals had broken out some windo...



THE RIGHT LANES - Father and son in front of Big Barracks, during the reunion. Colonel William "Bronco" Lane, '68, with his Dad William Lane, '42.

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Row, l. to r., Jesse Utt; John Henderson; Bruce Sessero; Nick Syropoulos; Rick Schweitzer; Jim Harry Reed; John Quinn; Chuck Hearn; Harvey Larr; Jack White; John Douglas; Bill Scarborough. Shows the night before the reunion, top right.



**ALL ABOARD!** - Kathy Harris, wife of Bob, '54, and Bev Betag, significant other of Terry Snow, '58, planned the Ladies Tour. On a bus donated by Bob Hume, '63, the women (and a couple of men) travelled to Waynesboro to visit the P. Buckley Moss Museum, back to Staunton for a delightful luncheon, and then on to shopping!

## AMA MEMORIES



UP! - Colonel Will Parkins, '35, right, Old Glory to the top of the Roller-Rink House pole with help from Bill Click, and Click, '50.



**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY** - The Class of 1949, 50 years after they graduated in the gym, where this photo was made. 1<sup>st</sup> row, kneeling, Bill "Red" Rubush, Chuck Pine, and Frank Spencer. 2<sup>nd</sup> row, Bill Deuber, Fred Shappee, Gray Kinnie, Doug Nemier, Ed Chauncey, Milt Gallier and Bill Dickinson. Back row, Bob Eacho, Clyde Ramsey and Jim Councill.

## \$100 Club to run AMA Museum

The general membership of the AMA Alumni Association voted to create a \$100 Club which would raise money for the operating fund of the new AMA Museum.

The proposal was made by **Frank Spencer, '49**, who said that it was



Frank Spencer, '49, reads the list of AMA alumni who passed away in the last year at Founders Day ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery.

*"time to think about an operating budget to keep the Alumni House and Museum open and operating."*

A number of alumni made contributions to the \$100 Club at the reunion: **Milton Gallier, '49; Mickey Gordon, '39; Gary Nicholson, '70; Charlie Koetzle, '49; Reverend Jim Lupton, '50; Earl Cabaniss, '43; David Conrad, '59; Chuck Pine, '49; Clyde Ramsey, '49; Frank Spencer, '49; Jack Stanley, '45; and LTC Steve Trent, '70.**

*"We are looking for continued support for the \$100 Club as we get nearer to the day that the museum opens,"* said Spencer. *"Some folks already have given more than \$100 and we are most grateful to them."*

## Board to meet 18 September

### Dinner also scheduled

The AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors will meet in John Craig Hall at the Augusta Stone Church at 10 AM Saturday 18 September to discuss progress on renovation of the Roller-Robinson House, museum development, and the Year 2000 alumni reunion.

President **Goodloe Saunders, '58**, also announced that there will be a dinner on Saturday evening at the Staunton Country Club *"to which all alumni, wives and dates are most cordially invited."*

Coat and tie is preferred for the

#### DINNER FACTS

All AMA alumni, wives and dates are invited to the 18 September dinner at the Staunton Country Club.

Cocktails - 5 PM at the Holiday Inn

Dinner - 7 PM at the Staunton Country Club  
(\$20 includes prime rib and chicken buffet, tax and tip)

Dinner reservations required!

CALL ONE OF THESE ALUMNI TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

#### FORT DEFIANCE

Mickey Gordon, 540/248-3734

Rod Willey, 540/363-4630

#### RICHMOND

Dave Conrad, 804/743-7553

#### LYNCHBURG

Terry Snow, 804/946-9250

#### SUFFOLK

Steve Trent, 757/238-7743

#### NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Duke Fancher, 703/892-0958

dinner, but jacket with open collar is acceptable. *"This is a great opportunity for AMA alumni and friends to get together,"* Saunders said. *"I believe that we will have a very good turnout for this nice event."*

## Joe Alexander, '28, still follows AMA's progress

In 1924, a young man entered AMA, following in the footsteps of his father who graduated from Augusta in 1897. **Joe Alexander, '28**, has never wavered in keeping up with the goings on at AMA ever since.

At AMA, Joe was a CW. He ran



Joe Alexander, '28, with his paddle.

track, was an officer in Headquarters Company, and was Treasurer of the Student Body. For many years, he was an insurance man in Staunton, moving recently to Harrisonburg.

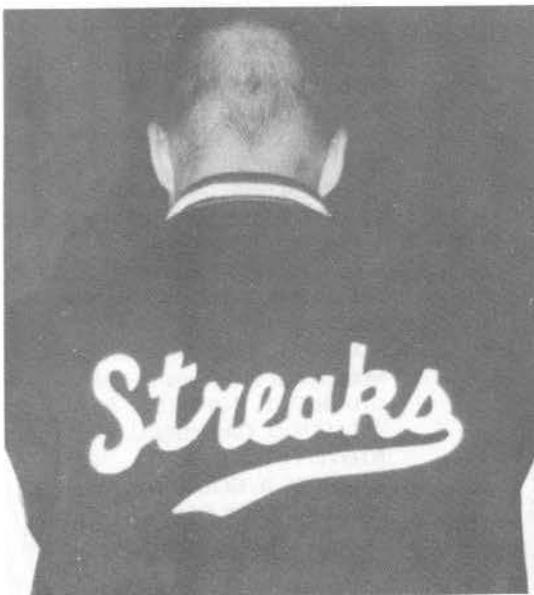
He collected dozens of news clippings about AMA's ups and downs after the school closed in 1984, and has presented his collection to the alumni association. He also donated a sash, insignia, and a shako plume to the museum.

One of his most interesting AMA treasures is a wooden rat paddle bearing the names of Joe's brother rats and a carved inscription "Merry Christmas." The paddle was supposed to "break" the rats by Christmas of 1924, but Joe swiped it, kept it hanging on his wall for 75 years, and now has given it to the AMA Museum.

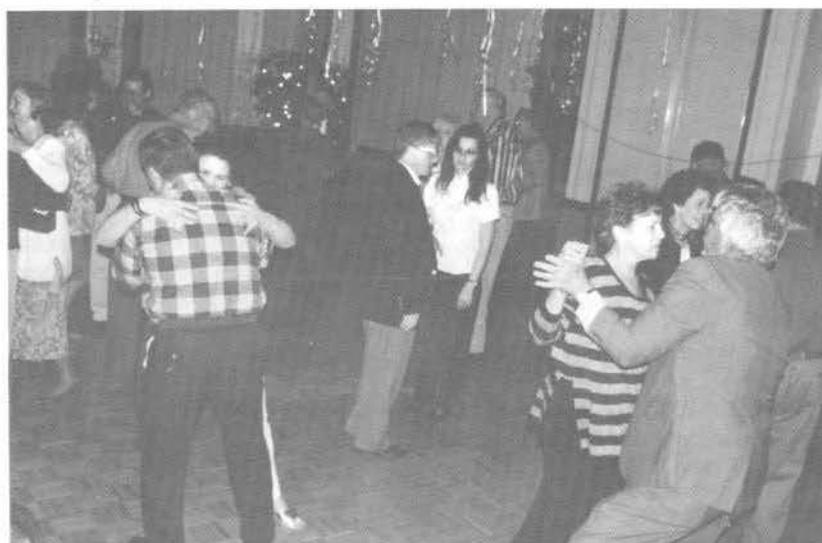
# 1999 REUNION MEMORIES



THE LAST *Ad Astra*, Wayne Kreson, '83, came to the reunion in his letter jacket. Impressive!



THE FISHBURNE COLOR GUARD stands at attention in front of the Roller-Robinson House as FMS Commandant Colonel Beau Beasley addresses the audience.



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY during the Saturday night event.



PART OF THE CROWD watching the dedication ceremonies as the Roller-Robinson House becomes the AMA Alumni House and Museum. More than 400 spectators were on hand.

# Contributions to AMA since May of 1998

Beginning with this report, we will reestablish a system of Clubs for different giving levels,

Cadet Club . . . . .	Up to \$50
White Leader . . . . .	\$50 to \$100
Blue Leader . . . . .	\$100 to \$250
Blue & White Champion . . . . .	\$250 to \$500
Blue Streak Sponsor . . . . .	\$500 to \$1,000
Benefactor . . . . .	\$1,000 to \$2,500
Patron . . . . .	\$2,500 or more

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For the Museum

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In honor of H. M. Bradbury Sr, '32, Larry C. Bradbury, '62, and Rob Egan '67  
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In memory of John Morris, '49  
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In honor of Henry R. Harris, '51  
JERRY IZENBERG, '47  
In honor of Colonel Glenn Koogler  
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In honor of the Class of 1958  
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CARL S. RIEDELL, '63  
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In memory of W. Robert Sale, '30  
JEFFREY M. SCHROEDER, '67  
BENJAMIN M. SMITH, JR., '47  
RUSSELL F. SMITH, '62  
PAUL SPOSITO, '51  
MARK A. SULLIVAN, '77  
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In memory of Colonel Stan Bach, '30  
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BILL LAWRENCE, '61  
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BRIAN K. BELL, '60  
WILLIAM H. BOWERS, JR., '69  
DAVID E. BREWER, '46  
ROBERT B. BUCKMASTER, '48  
In honor of the Class of 1948  
CHARLES E. BURGESS, '63  
WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL, '60  
STOVER K. CLARK, '65  
CHARLES S. COLLINGE, '46  
WILLIAM MARK DEUBER, '49  
WALTER W. DUNCAN, '47  
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 RONALD P. MELCHER, '71  
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PHILLIP R. MYERS, '71  
 In honor of John Anthony Piazza, '70  
 JAMES M. O'HARA, '39  
 COLONEL CHARLES F. PILLEY, JR., '51  
 In memory of Helen G. Bradford  
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 In memory of General Roller and in honor  
 of *The Bayonet*  
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 LEE WEST WALKER, '34  
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 MANUEL G. BALBIS, '53  
 In honor of Ronnie Mahanes, '53  
 JOSEPH D. BERMAN, '71  
 PAUL H. BRATTON, '48  
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 JAMES L. FLETCHER, '63  
 JOHN J. FOX, JR., '53  
 DONALD H. MALNATI, '72  
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 CHARLES L. YON, '29  
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 JOHN GORDON, '19  
 RUTHIE R. GRIGGS  
 In honor of Elliott Ridge and *The Bayonet*  
 ROBERT C. MC DOUGLE, '68  
 DR. E. W. MICHAELS, '47  
 In honor of Joel Adelberg, '48  
 HARRY H. HAMILTON, '44  
 JOE JOSEPHSON, '79  
 E. JACK MEIER, '55  
 MICHAEL NARLIS, '79  
 LEO W. POOLE, '67  
 FREDERICK F. WELCH, '67  
 FRANK WILLIAMSON, '60  
 PAUL F. KIME, '71



THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR  
 YOUR SUPPORT OF THE AMA  
 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE  
 LEGACY OF OUR GREAT SCHOOL

MANY NEW GIVING OPTIONS ARE  
 AVAILABLE TO FRIENDS OF AMA.

WE HOPE THAT MANY OF YOU -  
 150 OF YOU TO BE PRECISE -  
 WILL CONTRIBUTE \$1,000 EACH  
 TO THE AMA ALUMNI HOUSE  
 AND MUSEUM BUILDING FUND.  
 THAT WILL ENTITLE YOU TO BE A  
 MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S  
 COUNCIL! SEE PAGE 7.

YOU MAY FIND THE \$100 CLUB  
 TO YOUR LIKING. READ ABOUT  
 THAT ON PAGE 24.

WHATEVER YOU CAN DO WILL  
 BE MUCH APPRECIATED. WE ARE  
 EMBARKED ON SOME NEW AND  
 EXCITING ADVENTURES, EACH  
 OF WHICH IS EXPENSIVE.

THE AMA ALUMNI HOUSE AND  
 MUSEUM WILL OPEN IN MAY OF  
 2000, AND WE WANT IT TO BE  
 PAID FOR WHEN IT OPENS!

HELP US WHEN YOU CAN AND  
 HOWEVER YOU CAN.



# 6 Scholarship winners announced

The AMA Alumni Association presented \$1000 Legacy Scholarships to 6 descendants of AMA alumni at the Friday Awards Banquet during the 1999 reunion. **Gary Nicholson, '70**, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, and **Stephanie Tayman**, the scholarship judge, presented the awards to a half dozen deserving students.

The scholarships are available to students who are no more than 25 years of age, are enrolled in an institution of learning past the high school level, and who are direct descendants (children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc.) of Augusta Military Academy cadets.

The scholarship availability is announced at the beginning of each year. Applications for the Year 2000 must be received by a March 2000 date yet to be set. The winners are advised in advance of their award so that they can make plans to attend the awards ceremony.

The 6 AMA Legacy Scholarship winners for 1999 are:

## **William Thornton Click, son of Edwin Click, '50 \***

*University of Virginia*

**B**ill Click never got to attend Augusta, but he knows more about AMA and its traditions than many who actually graduated from the school. Growing up just a mile south of the campus, he has helped his Dad with many projects for the AMA Alumni Association. But Bill Click is known in and around the Fort Defiance community for much more.

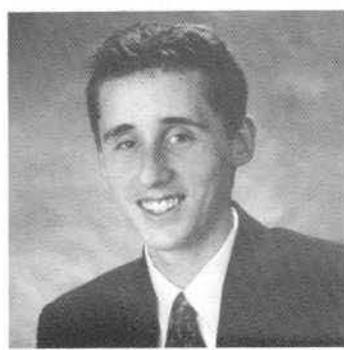
His grade point average from the 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> grades shows most semesters of all A's. He is a National Merit Finalist, an honor accorded to less than 1% of this year's graduating high school seniors.

In scouting, he has won the Honor of the Arrow after having risen to the rank of Eagle Scout. He has been junior assistant scoutmaster, troop guide, patrol leader, senior patrol leader and den chief in his rise to the apex of Boy Scout honors.

Bill is co-leader of the youth group at the Stone Church, is co-president of the Math Honor Society, and Secretary of the Technology Student Association. He tutors at Fort Defiance High and at Clymore Elementary, makes recordings of Sunday sermons for shut ins, and teaches computer skills. Bill also volunteers at the Valley Mission, a local homeless shelter. He was given "early acceptance" by UVA.

A special talent that Bill has worked to develop is his ability to create magical sounds from his piano. Long past *Chopsticks*, Bill daily practices nocturnes by Chopin, preludes by Rachmaninoff and sonatas by Beethoven. In June, he will perform Rachmaninoff's *Prelude in C Minor* at his solo recital.

\* Bill received the Helen Bradford AMA Legacy Scholarship



**William Thornton Click**

## **Joanna Marie Core, daughter of John Core, '51**

*San Francisco State University*

**W**hen she says you're off sides, you're off sides! Since she was 16 years old, encouraged by her father who is an official himself, Joanna Core has been officiating at high school and youth football games in Northern California's famous wine country. In 1997, she received the Pop Warner Service Award for her efforts in training new officials.

At Ursuline High School in Santa Rosa, CA, Joanna was the student faculty representative. While keeping her grades up, she served as a camp counselor at Camp Noel Porter, was active in the Student Council for all 4 years of high school, was the school's Spirit Leader, and belonged to a local choral group that serenaded at convalescent hospitals and nursing homes. Joanna did volunteer work for local churches, and provided baby sitting and child care for needy families. She also provided transportation for elderly people to their medical appointments.

After finishing high school, Joanna attended Cuesta Community College in San Luis Obispo where she received the degree of Associate in Arts upon graduation.

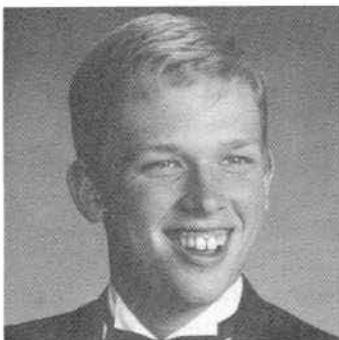
Joanna now majors in political science and pre-law at the California State University at San Francisco where she is active in the Political Science Student Association and is Chairman for Student Voter Registration. This December, she will receive a BA degree from San Francisco State, then plans to go on to law school. Her commitment to life as an attorney will not likely temper her enthusiasm for football officiating. She and her Dad were the first father-daughter officiating team to work an American football game, and she would like to be the first female ever to officiate at an NFL game.



**Joanna Marie Core**

**Thomas Chad Lampman, son of Peter Lampman, '65**  
**Clemson University**

**C**had Lampman had only moved to Campbell County (VA) when he was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and here he was, the President of the Freshman Class, and later the Sophomore Class. A good first impression! He was also Captain of the Brookville High basketball team in his first 2 years there.



**Thomas Chad Lampman**

Chad was Vice President of the Latin Club, a member of the National Honor Society, and a delegate to the Old Dominion Boy's State in the summer of 1998. He has volunteered to help with Special Olympics programs at both the local and state level.

His Dad has created the Commonwealth Games of Virginia, a multi-sport Olympic style event that brings some 10,000 athletes to Roanoke to compete each July. Chad assists the Director of Operations by running the athlete check-in each year, making sure that thousands of athletes get to the proper location.

Chad prepares some 3,500 participants for the Parade of Athletes at opening ceremonies at The Games, a live television production. For the rest of the weekend, he bounces back and forth among the 80 different sports venues from basketball to track and field events.

Chad is also a sterling musician having played in his high school band for 3 years in the percussion section. "An inspirational section leader with the drumline," says a Brookville

High official. Chad was selected for the All-Regional Band his sophomore year, and was named the outstanding student of music in his junior year. He'll be trying out for the Clemson Tiger Marching Band this fall.

**Victoria Rovirosa, daughter of Jorge Rovirosa, '70**  
**University of Georgia**

**T**hose clever ads that beguile you may well come from the mind and pen of Victoria "Vivi" Rovirosa in the not-too-distant future. She enrolls this fall in the University of Georgia advertising program and she hopes to become an intern to learn what the world of advertising has to offer. Her sister, a graphic designer, shares Victoria's dream that they can create worldwide ad promotions together.



**Victoria Y. Rovirosa**

Vivi spent 2 years in Honors and Advanced Placement English, an experience which cannot but help her in her chosen field. She also took Honors Geometry, Honors Calculus and Honors Organic Chemistry, testimony to her intellectual diversity. She is Senior Class Treasurer and attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC last year. One of her teachers says, "I cannot see Vivi NOT being a leader..."

At Westminster Christian School in Miami, Vivi had nothing but A's for the entire 4 years. She has been President of the Girls' Bible Study for several years, and she edits a section of her school yearbook. She belongs to the Key Club, won the Kodak Young Leaders Award, and has volunteered for American Heart Association drives for the past several years. She teaches a Sunday School class, runs 2 miles every other day (she once was on the varsity track team), and she loves to be on the stage. Vivi is a member of the National Honors Society and, not surprisingly, is listed in Who's Who Among American High

School Students. "Dad taught me to do my best in everything," she says.

**Emily Ann Steele, daughter of John Steele, Jr., '61**  
**Elon College**

**S**pending a month in France this summer will test how well Emily Steele knows the language that she has immersed herself in these past few years. She'll be majoring in French and International Studies when she enters Elon College this fall and hopes that some day she will have a job in the international marketplace with a concentration in France and French-speaking countries around the world.

Emily had all A's her senior year at Wilkes Central High School in Wilkesboro, NC and but a smattering of B's in math during all of her other high school years. Because of her outstanding high school record, she has been invited to apply for the Elon College Honors Program taught by the college's top professors and providing the opportunity for a substantial stipend for Emily.

It will not surprise you that she is President of her high school French Club and is a member of the Latin Club. She also planned and helped execute the school blood drive as



**Emily Ann Steele**

well as canned food and money drives for Thanksgiving. Emily took part in Girl Scouting for 12 years. All this while taking Honors Classes in English, U.S. History, World History, French and Latin, and making A's all the way through her courses of study. She was Council President at the Broyhill Leadership Conference in North Carolina.

She says her Dad has done everything from "bandage my 'boo'boos' to show me how to pump gas," and knows that she'll have his love and support when she goes off to college this fall. And for the summer, Dad sends Emily to France with this parental advice: *Aide-toi, le ciel t'aidera.*

**Laura Danielle Zinkhan, daughter of Ben Zinkhan, '60**  
Radford University

**D**rama is a key ingredient in Laura Zinkhan's life, quite literally. She began acting at an early age, and now has starred in two productions at Radford University - *Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp* and *Jackie-Jean and her Sisters*. Her college transcript is loaded with A's, 2 B's and one very lonesome C attesting to the good work she has done in her studies at Radford College.



**Laura Danielle Zinkhan**

Before going to college, Laura played alto sax for some 9 years and was an active member of her high school's concert band, jazz band, pep band and marching band. (She was drum major of the marching band) At a jazz competition at James Madison University in 1997, she received a medal for the best improvisational solo. Laura also plays in the Stonewall Brigade Band, conducts a band in her church and gives saxophone lessons to beginners.

She hopes to go on to a Master of Fine Arts degree and teach at the college level. Toward that end, Laura has high hopes that she will be able to study in London next year.

She has completed such classes as theater appreciation, public speaking, research writing, finite mathematics, psychology, theatrical history, and ethics with high praise from her instructors.

Laura says that her Dad is "one of the driving forces in my life... who has taught me to settle for nothing less than my dreams." Those dreams revolve about the theater and her desire to have a high adventure in a new and exciting city.

**PAVE THE WAY!**

**PURCHASE A PAVING BRICK TO HONOR YOUR PARENTS WHO SACRIFICED SO YOU COULD ATTEND AMA.  
REMEMBER A FAVORITE TEACHER OR CLASSMATE. HONOR SOMEONE WHO WAS KILLED IN WARTIME.  
THANK SOMEONE WHO HAS DONE EXTRAORDINARY THINGS FOR THE AMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

**Epoxy treated bricks are available in 2 sizes. These bricks will be used to rebuild the sidewalk that runs down the hill toward the front gate from the Roller-Robinson House.**

**The 4" X 8" pavers cost \$50 each, including engraving. The 8" X 8" bricks (sample on facing page) sell for \$100 each, including engraving.**

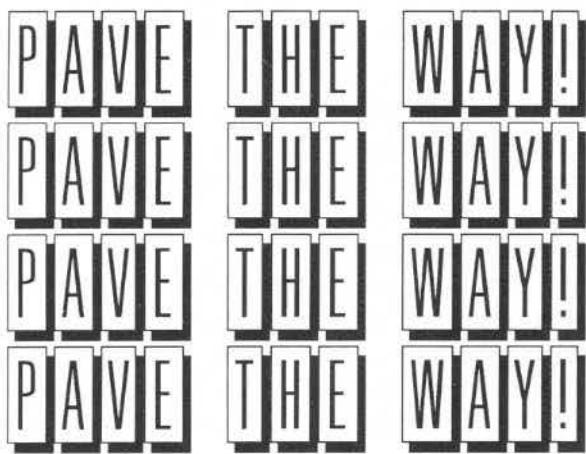
**By purchasing one or more pavers, you will be helping to underwrite the cost of renovating the old house.**

**You literally will be PAVING THE WAY for the AMA Alumni House and Museum to be finished on time and paid for! All friends of Augusta are welcome to participate - alumni - faculty - teachers - parents - children of alumni - friends of AMA.**

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COLONEL  
PAUL HOOVER  
SLEEP WELL,  
MY FRIEND

# Where there's a will, there's a way...

In the United States today, the last will and testament is by far the most familiar method for the final distribution of a person's property.

It is important to realize what a will can do and what it should not be expected to do. Wills often can be most effective when they are used in combination with other legal arrangements. A complete estate plan generally will allow you to accomplish your wishes for yourself, and for your heirs inside and outside your family.

### Your will can:

- Allocate property not distributed via other legal arrangements
- Set up trusts to manage property for your heirs
- Recommend guardians for your minor children
- Make a public record of your wishes
- Make final charitable gifts from your estate to the AMA Alumni Association and other such organizations

### Your will cannot:

- Distribute property such as a home, automobiles, and other assets jointly owned with another person
- Dispose of life insurance proceeds or retirement plan benefits. Unless your estate is named beneficiary, those proceeds pass outside of your will.
- Manage property during your lifetime. A will does not take effect until the maker of the will passes away.

Joint ownership, life insurance and legal instruments such as trusts may be used in combination with a will. All of these plans can include charitable gifts to organizations such as the AMA Alumni Association, often to be made when funds are not needed by you or your heirs. With the help of your attorney, you can arrive at the best arrangement to suit your individual situation.

### Thoughtful planning equals special gifts

Gifts by will can be a great source of satisfaction and may actually enhance estate plans.



### Giving "what's left"

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are providing for their 3 children equally in their will. They also want to be sure that the AMA Alumni Association is a charitable beneficiary.

Their decision: an outright bequest of a certain dollar amount or specific property to each child. Then, in case their estate should increase in value, they can add a "residual" bequest, stipulating that their children and AMA should share in what remains of their estate. They specify what percent of the residue to give to each child and to AMA.

In this way, the Smiths have provided for everyone in their family as they wish. Plus, they arrange for an extra charitable gift in case the funds are available. A federal estate tax deduction is allowed for all charitable bequests.

### A double duty will

Ms. Green provides in her will that a certain share of her property be left to 5 nieces and nephews. The rest of her assets will be used to fund a trust to provide income to her sister. At the sister's death, the remaining funds in the trust will become a charitable gift to the AMA Alumni Association.

Because the funds are ultimately destined for charitable use, Ms. Green's estate will receive an estate tax deduction for part of the amount used to support her sister. As a result, her nieces and nephews may receive larger inheritances, and taxes will take less.

### The Wise Old Owl

By planning, you can provide for your loved ones and further your other goals, too! Having a will is **the wise thing to do**. Include AMA in your will and you become a member of the Roller Society!

If you don't plan where your assets should go when you are no longer here, then the government will plan for you.

**And WHOOOOOO  
wants that to happen?**

**... to help AMA!**

# AMAAAlumni.org up and running

AMA WebMaster B. J. d'Orsay, '70, invites everyone interested in Augusta to log onto AMAAlumni.org and to contribute to keep the site growing.

One of his goals is to have everyone who ever attended AMA listed on the webpage.

D'Orsay says that *"the main need of the webpage is the submission of information and pictures from alumni. We'd like to have 2 pictures of each alumnus: the first from AMA days and a current photo, including family members, if they wish."*

By logging onto AMAAlumni.org, one can see how d'Orsay is putting the biographies together. *"What they send in should reflect their personalities. They can list achievements while cadets and after leaving AMA, or even write a remembrance of good times at Augusta."*

AMAAAlumni.org is intended as a permanent record of AMA, its cadets, its faculty, its legacy. D'Orsay points out that all the information on the website will be open to the public.

For the time being, all alumni are asked to send information to: B.J. d'Orsay, 4206 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, TX 79413. Or the information can be e-mailed to: [bjdorsay@aol.com](mailto:bjdorsay@aol.com)

The page already has bios on many *Ad Astra*s since information on them is currently available from the annual *Ad Astra* roster. D'Orsay plans to post some 1999 reunion photos in the near future, and those with good shots are invited to submit them. Any photos sent in will be returned.

*"Let's make [www.AMAAlumni.org](http://www.AMAAlumni.org) the BEST alumni/historical site in the world,"* says d'Orsay. *"This is a team effort. My job is to create the site. The part of every alumnus of AMA is to give me the information that will make the site interesting and relevant."*

**(Note:** Photos being submitted which are scanned should be in JPG format with *minimum* compression. If you have any question, contact d'Orsay at his e-mail address, above)

## From Colonel Hoover's attic

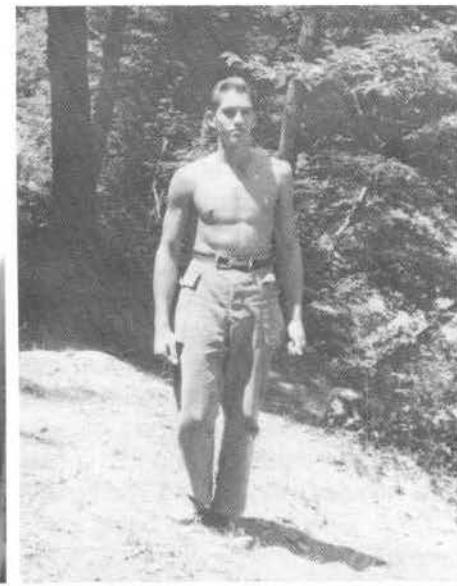
After Colonel Hoover passed away, family members turned over to the Alumni Association many boxes of photos and slides which had been stored in the colonel's attic. Most had no information to identify them. Can you help us with these shots? What years were these photos taken? Can you identify the cadets?



*In the March Bayonet, we ran the two photos below. The one on the right drew many responses and all*

*think it is Guy Gooding, '49, at Colonel Deane's Camp Kannata in the summer of 1947 or 1948. That's the opinion of Jim Lane, '49, Bill Dickinson, '49, Colonel Harley Hope, '47 and Hap Starr, '51, the 4 alumni who responded first.*

*The left photo, below, of the cadet on the cannon has been identified by Bill "Big Red" Harris, '48, as his old 1945-46 roommate Goodrich White, '46.*



# Letters to the Editor

## Thanks for the reunion

My sincere thanks to all who worked to make the 1999 reunion such a big success. The battle cry is: "Let's do it again next year!"

Terry Snow, '58

## Reunion coordinator replies

As a reunion coordinator, I want to thank everyone who played a part in making the reunion so successful. To those who made hundreds of phone calls and wrote many letters, printed the stationery, bought the caps, planned the program, tolerated my many e-mails and phone calls, organized the sports events, donated food, manned the desk, poured the drinks, sold the merchandise, ran the errands, prepared the Welcome Kits, planned the ladies' tour and lunch, drove the bus, put up the flags, set up the PA systems, prepared the food, donated the drinks, cleaned up the tent, set up the chairs, opened the oysters, passed out the programs, cooked the barbecue, prepared the bulletin boards, wrote the brochures, counted the money, loaded and unloaded the cars, made the name tags, and did all the other things necessary to throw a 2½ day party for 400+ people.

All of these people were *volunteers!* We laughed and cried together, sang and prayed together, hugged and remembered, and told hundreds of AMA stories. To all of you, my heartfelt thanks. To those who could not come, we did think of you, I swear, and mentioned your name often.

Late Saturday night (or was it Sunday morning?), there was a brief exchange between **Nancy** and **Bob Bradford, '50**, that says it all.

It was very late. The music in the ballroom had ended long ago and the tent was emptying, ever so slowly, every former cadet staying just a few more minutes with an old roommate or friend. Goodbyes were being said, some difficult.

Nancy asked, "Are you coming to bed soon, Bob?" Bob said, "I should, but I don't want this day to end."

My thanks to all of you.

Duke Fancher, '58

## VMI cadet writes

I am writing from Texas A&M where I am participating in an exchange program with the A&M Corps of Cadets to observe how female cadets have been and continue to integrate their Corps.

I am thankful for the scholarship help given to me by AMA. Your confidence and support mean a lot.

Samuel F. McClure

## Credit to AMA

I enjoy reading *The Bayonet* very much and am pleased to support it with a contribution.

My son, **Bill "Bronco" Lane**, now a bird colonel in the US Army, was a cadet captain his senior year and I give all credit to Augusta for his success in the military.

Bill Lane, '42

## Trip down memory lane

What a great time at the reunion! It was great seeing old friends and making new ones. The Class of '79 had its own mini-reunion outside the gym. It was great seeing the campus again and to be able to walk the halls and stoops - a trip down memory lane.

Back next year, God willing and the creeks don't rise!

Rick Olson, '79

## A memorable weekend!

Many thanks to all who provided us with a memorable weekend at the reunion. Look forward to next year!

Bill Dickinson, '49

## Super weekend!

What a super weekend! Great weather, good friends - it could not have been better. Soon, we will fill every inn around Staunton and maybe some rooms in Big Barracks! Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the weekend so very special.

Steve Matton, '67

## The best yet!

You've done it! The best reunion yet, and remember that Libby and I have attended every one.

The logistics were perfect. It helps

to have the likes of **Gary Nicholson, '70**, **Duke Fancher, '58**, and **Bob Bradford, '50**, around!

Mickey, Gordon, '39

## "A splendid party..."

To **Bob, Duke, Goodloe, Gary, Bob, Terry, Ed** and all the others...

First line, first scene, second act of *The Phantom of the Opera*: "Andre, what a splendid party!" My sentiments exactly! We had a gang of 41 people in CW Barracks (the Host Inn) and we could not have asked for anything more. Thanks to all!

Frank Williamson, '60

## A sight I never expected to see

The view of the AMA gym packed with 400 grads eating a great lunch was a sight I never expected to see. And for the first time, a big tent where our noisy group could party without bothering people in the hotel. And the food was the best ever.

But what made it so terrific was the people. **Bill Bowers** all the way from Alaska. **Dick Whitaker** from Maine and **Bill d'Orsay** from Texas. Lots of guys from the late '60's and early '70's. The same people, but different stomachs!

The old campus looked worn, but it's coming together. To see 200 cars parked in the drill field made the place come to life! That unique AMA brotherhood amazingly is still growing!

Steve Pearson, '72

## SMA alumnus writes

I spent 8 years doing a 24 page newsletter on antique boats, and I know a good newsletter when I see one. *The Bayonet* is great!

I spent 4 years at SMA (1945-49) and have spent the last 8 years getting together a list of 600 SMA alumni. How come you've got news to print and we don't?

Please send me a few copies of your most recent issue so I can send it to the President of the SMA Alumni Association. I am impressed by all you are doing. The Roller Society is a marvelous idea. 26 years we have had an alumni association and no one ever thought about doing such a thing. Thanks a million...

John G. Deal  
SMA, '49

In this issue of **CLASS NOTES**, you will find names at both the beginning and at the end of the listings. **CLASS AGENTS** are listed at the top of each class. If there is no Class Agent for your class, won't you volunteer for that assignment? At the bottom of each class listing are the names of those who attended the 1999 AMA Alumni Reunion.

1932

Class agent: None  
Reunion: Dorothy (Mrs. Captain Ben) Chiswell

1933

Class agent: None

1934

Class agent: None

1935

Class agent: Julian Quarles  
Reunion: Colonel Will Parkins, Julian Quarles

1936

Class agent: None

1937

Class agent: None  
Reunion: Betty (Mrs. Bill) Gray

1938

Class agent: None  
Reunion: Homer Anderson

1939

Class agent: Mickey Gordon  
Reunion: Mickey Gordon, V. P. Leavel, Brent Riley, Robert Swartz, Luke Stephenson

1940

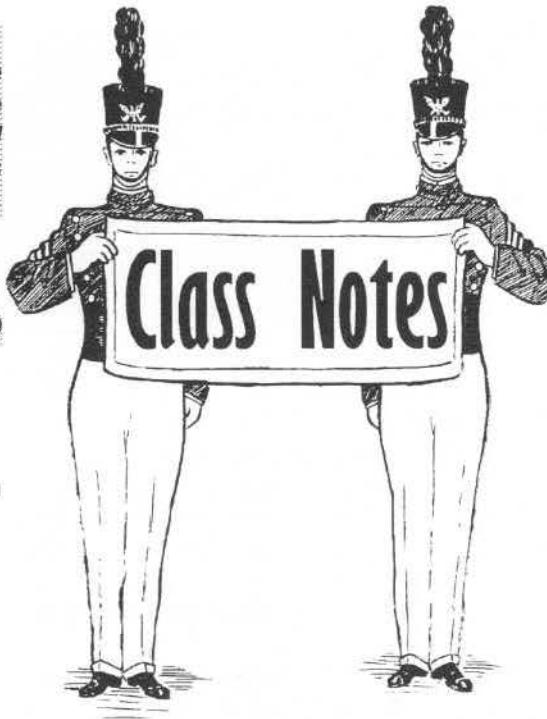
Class agent: None

1941

Class agent: None  
Reunion: Clayton Rich

1942

Class agent: Earl Cabaniss  
Reunion: Angus Hines, Colonel Rutland Beard, John Baumgardner, Charles Jordan, William Knox, William J. Lane



1944

Class agent: Paul Edelman  
Reunion: Peter Lambert

1945

Class agent: None  
Reunion: Ray Kauffman, Frank Pursel, Bill Scaife, Jack Stanley, Fred Thomas

1946

Class agent: None

Chuck "Buck" Collinge and his wife Lois took a 12 day cruise through the Panama Canal in December. They drove across the United States this past summer for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in the last 5 years. Buck and Lois now have 2 great grandchildren and 5 grandchildren. They met while Chuck was attending AMA.

Ray Crosby lives in Staunton and recalls that Major Roller offered him his education at AMA if he would work with a horse owned by the Big Boy.



Dr. George "Boots" Solan, '43, recently found some photos he had taken at Wright Patterson Airfield a few years back. In the photo above, Boots points to the name of Jack Manch, '38, on the monument to the World War II Doolittle Raiders. Jack was copilot of the 3rd plane to leave the Carrier Hornet's deck. He bailed out over China, making his way to American lines and spending the rest of the war flying over "The Hump."

Ray's family showed horses, and Ray said he worked on the Major's "broken down old plug until I called home to be rescued."

1947

Class agent: None

Harry May recently had a bout with illness, but is doing much better now. While in London, he began to have severe back pains and an MRI disclosed that he had a severe case of lumbar spinal stenosis which required immediate surgery. As he was being prepped for surgery, tests showed that he had suffered an undiagnosed heart attack sometime in 1997-98. All's well now, but Harry spent a few rotten months recovering.

John Pappas has moved to Hampton, VA from Atlanta. And yes fellow classmates, Pete still plays the drums! He also got married 11 May and brother **Pete, '49**, was Best Man.

Reunion: Dr. Tom Callaghan, John W. Field, John Herring, Jim Mackey, J.B. Simmons

1948

Class agent: None

Gardner Ramsey has located **George Maust** and has him back on the mailing list.

Paul Bratton had surgery to remove a toe just a day before the reunion began, and there he was at the annual membership meeting! Speedy recovery, Paul!

Reunion: Paul Bratton, Jim Chezem, Ernest Click, Francis X.



**FIRST CAPTAINS FROM THE FIFTIES** - Three First Captains at the 1999 AMA Reunion: Duke Fancher, '58; Lieutenant Colonel F. T. Wirkus, '55, USMC, Retired; and Goodloe Saunders, '57.

Fields, Bill Harris, George Maust

1949

Class agent: None

**Ed Chauncey** and his wife Bobby were back for the reunion and said they had grand time! Ed operates Summer Hill, an antique print and custom framing shop in Remington, VA and brought examples of his extraordinary work to the reunion silent auction. His daughter Sandra Flynn covered the AMA reunion for WAZT/WAZR in Woodstock.

**Frank Spencer** had his chest puffed out at the reunion. To see why, go to the Class of 1976!

Reunion: Ed Chauncey, Jim Councill, Bob Eacho, Bill Deuber, Bill Dickinson, Milt Gallier, Jay Gregg, Colonel Gray Kinnie, Charles Koetze, Jim Lane, Richard McLaughlin, Doug Nemier, Chuck Pine, Clyde Ramsey, Bill Rubush, Fred Shappee, Frank Spencer, Jack Turner

1950

Class agent: Jim Lupton  
Reunion: Bob Bradford, Ed Click, Reverend Jim Lupton, Jim McDowell, Jim Starnes

1951

Class agent: Frank Pilley  
Reunion: John Core, A.E. Dabney, Jim Huntsberry, Paul Sposito, Hap Starr, Rod Willey, Dan Yellott

1952

Class agent: None  
Reunion: Tom Mitchell, Cole Sandridge

1953

Class agent: None

**Jock Bair** sent in a generous contribution with his deep regret at not being able to get to the reunion this year. We missed you, Jock. He works in Dallas for Newsprint South, Inc., a division of Champion Papers.

Reunion: Tommy Smmons, Sam Martin

1954

Class agent: Ken Hoke  
Reunion: John Fitts, Bob Harris, Ken Hoke, Tom Lassell, Patrick Stanton, Frank Suter, Guy Townsend

1955

Class agent: None  
Reunion: Senator John Chichester, F.E. Wirkus

1956

Class agent: None

1957

Class agent: Goodloe Saunders  
Reunion: Al Krise, Goodloe Saunders

1958

## Class agent: Duke Fancher

**Jim Simmons** says "just as the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is about to arrive, I've finally gotten into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and have an e-mail address!" Contact Jim at: jsimmons@rma.edu

Reunion: Slade Ballou, Duke Fancher, Bob Seeberger, Larry Smoot, Terry Snow, Lynch Ward

1959

## Class agents: Dave Conrad, Lloyd Eastlack, Corky Ridge

**Bob Battenhouse** was found in Denver by Dave Conrad, '59. Bob hasn't been on the AMA mailing list for a long time, but now he's getting *The Bayonet* once more. Thanks, Dave!

**Francis Collins** is with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and has been given credit for discovering the gene of cystic fibrosis. Francis and his brother **Fletcher** attended AMA at the same time.

Reunion: Don Blankenship, Keene Byrd, David Conrad, Lloyd Eastlack, Rodger Morris, Elliott Ridge, Jess VanEvera, H.R. Wainwright, John Zirkle

1960

## Class agent: Frank Williamson, Luke Snyder

**John Appleton** has been found by AMA sleuth extraordinaire **Frank Williamson**, '60. **Nicky Syropoulos** recalls that Johnny was the smallest cadet in 1959-60. John now lives in Aydlett, NC.

**Jim McLelland** has been married 38 years, has 3 sons, a daughter and 5 grandchildren with another on the way at press time. He lives in Statesville, NC where he has been in the shoe and hosiery business for 30 years. A member of the AMA Band, he plays in his church orchestra as well and the community band.

Fred Anderson now lives in Kilmar-

nock in the Northern Neck of Virginia.

**John Kiracofe** is a pilot for US Airways and currently lives in Charlotte, NC. He flew with PSA, "a nice little California airline for 25 years during which time I lived in San Diego." John has 2 grown children who live in Flagstaff, AZ.

Reunion: Fred Anderson, Bill Campbell, Nick Diniaco, Randy Gibbs, Bernard McAleese, Jim McLelland, J.H. Morris, Richard Newman, Luke Snyder, Jerry Tolson, Barnes Townsend, David Trimble, Purnell Westbrook, Robert White, Frank Williamson, Ben Zinkhan

1961

## Class agent: None

**Dick Connor** has a new job with US Airways as Line Check Captain where he trains new pilots joining the airline. He plans to retire in 3 years and is moving his family to New Hampshire this summer. Son Liam is at VMI where he just completed his international MBA in Switzerland with an impressive 3.8 grade average. Oldest son Ian is a ski instructor in their new state.

**Ed Trott** had extensive surgery after the reunion, but is back home and "everything is A-OK!". Take care of yourself, Ed.

Reunion: Ed Trott, Bud Allison, Jim Crawford, Bob Gevrekian, Bill Lawrence, Seth Parrott, Ron Reigelman, John Steele

1962

## Class agent: None

**Bill Keller** was a captain in the Navy Reserve several years ago when he ran into **Jim Crawford**, '61, at a conference. Jim was then a colonel in the Marine Reserve. They've stayed in touch since their chance encounter.

Reunion: Wayne Blaylock, Jim Cunningham, Al Dorrington, Bill Klinck, Byrd Newton, Lane Parrott, Rusty Payne, Bob Ridgeway, Mike Stanton, Norman Strehle, Rick Tessada

1963

## Class agent: None

**Johnny Hipp** checks in from Goodyear, AZ and hopes that he'll hear from some of his AMA buddies. Phone 602/535-9144.

**PAVE THE WAY!**

**AUGUSTA CLASS OF 1963**

**BUY A BRICK TO HONOR YOUR CLASS**  
**DETAILS ON PAGES 30-31**

**Reunion:** John Aragona, Mike Basto, Charles Burgess, James Fletcher, Wayne Higgins, Bob Hume, John Schwarzman, John Smith, Bud Coslop, Wayne Sawyer, John Smith

1964

**Class agent:** None

**Reunion:** Ken Eichner, Dawson Raymo, Tom Upton

1965

**Class agent:** None

**David York** practices patent and copyright law in the San Francisco Bay Area with the nationally known firm Latham and Watkins. He and wife Barbara live in Woodside, CA; they have 4 children: Sarah, John (who is a cadet at Fishburne), Margaret and Catherine. David has a BA in psychology from Michigan, an MA in psychology from Northern Michigan University, and a law degree from Notre Dame. He recently flew his Cessna 421C cross country to the Weyer's Cave International Airport to visit his FMS cadet son and to see AMA again.

**Rex Miller** checks in with his correct addresses: 13963 Plains Mill Road, Timberville, VA 22853. e-mail Rex at rexmil5750@aol.com

**Reunion:** Peter Lampman

1966

**Class agent:** None

1967

**Class agent:** Mac McInnis

**Jeff Schroeder** recently moved. New address: P. O. Box 3504, Lake Mary, FL 32746.

**Reunion:** Steve Matton, Mac McInnis

1968

**Class agent:** Gordon Metz

**Mark Aronson** lost his class ring 30 years ago and just got a new one from Josten's. "My employees, even the waitress at lunch, remarked about

*the ring's weight and beauty... It was all that was promised!"*

**Reunion:** Marc Anderson, Colonel William "Bronco" Lane, Gordon Metz, Lenny Pannell, Howard Rosenthal, Fred Welch

1969

**Class agents:** Charlie Pascale, Bill Scarborough, Nick Syropoulos

**Herb Kline** lives in Norfolk where he recently underwent a quadruple bypass operation. Doing well now.

**Reunion:** Bill Baeder, Douglass Bell, Bill Bowers, John Douglas, Jim Gary, Alvin Harvell, Chuck Hearn, John Henderson, Bill Leustig, Bruce Orenstein, Charlie Pascale, Colonel Steve Passero, John Quinn, Larry Reed, Rex Rumley, Bill Scarborough, Richard Schweitzer, Nick Syropoulos, George Tisdale, Jesse Utt, Jack White

1970

**Class agent:** Jorge Rovirosa, Bill Parkins

**Tim Heath** opened a small restaurant in Belton, TX 2 years ago and "after 45 years, I finally got married and we are now blessed with the most beautiful 3 year old girl."

**Gary Nicholson** retired from the D.C. Police Department in mid-May with nearly 28 years of service. Congratulations, Gary and Susan! They already have their boat in the water!

**Jerry Collincini** received his BS and MS from Temple University. Today, he is a part time instructor at Rutgers University and is President of the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association. His wife, Rena, is a practicing attorney in Brooklyn. They have 2 sons: Benjamin, 4, and Anthony, 14.

**Reunion:** B.J. d'Orsay, Gary Nicholson, Bill Parkins, Jorge Rovirosa, Larry Thiel, Colonel Steve Trent, Jeff Wenzel

1971

**Class agent:** Garry Granger, Rich Maschak

**Gary Understein** had open heart surgery in mid-March at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. "It was not a blockage," he explained. "It was to correct an electrical problem in the heart. Georgetown is one of only 4 places in the country that does this operation." Gary is a captain with Continental Airlines. and hopes to be back in the cockpit by late summer.

**Reunion:** Mark Femrite, Garry Granger, Ron Melcher, Phil Myers, Jack Paulsen, Scott Rosensteen, Willis Walker

1972

**Class agent:** None

**Dr. Richard Whitaker** has 2 veterinary practices in New England. He specializes in embryo transfer in cattle and travels over most of New England. He and Johanna adopted a little girl, Adriana, last July.

**Reunion:** Blaine Clarke, Stride Coleman, Richard Ellett, Lewis Kennett, Steve Pearson, Paul Thomson, Dr. Richard Whitaker, Sam Wysong, Al Zayas

1973

**Class agent:** None

1974

**Class agent:** None

**Rich McCaffrey's** son Rich, Jr. just competed in the National Drill Classic in Washington, D.C. with his team placing 6<sup>th</sup> out of 32. Rich, his wife Deedee and their 4 children all came to the reunion.

**Reunion:** Ed Cabo, Dr. Corey Koenig, Rich McCaffrey, Lars Steib

1975

**Class agent:** Brett Thompson

**Lieutenant Colonel Larry Nicholson** became Commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marines at a ceremony

in February at W.P.T. Field. In July of 1995, Larry was appointed Executive

Officer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Armored Recon Battalion. From May of 1997 until his new assignment, he was G-3 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division at Camp Lejeune.



**Lieutenant Colonel  
Larry Nicholson, '75**

**Reunion:** John Hash, Steve Hemphill, Brett Thompson, Bob Walker, Mal Livick, Jr.

**1976**

**Class agent:** None

**Dave Spencer**, (son of Frank, '49) and his wife, Sandy, are celebrating the birth of Paige Atwood Spencer. Needless to say, Frank and Ida are very proud grandparents!

**Reunion:** Scott Gilliam, Jim Mitchell, Mike Payne, Kirk Pope, David Spencer, Keith Sterling

**1977**

**Class agent:** None

**Reunion:** Stephen Casey, Myron McWilliams, Shawn Ogomachi, Chris Vetick, Tom White

**1978**

**Class agent:** None

**Reunion:** Quinton Colburn, Henry Harris

**1979**

**Class agent:** Ed Iskow

**Richard Olson** is a paralegal in Bristol, TN. After AMA, he graduated from Wright State and entered active duty as a military intelligence officer. Her left the service as a captain after Operation Desert Storm.

**Reunion:** Ed Iskow, Paul Karch,

**L.M. LaFollette, IV, Chris Mangano, Rich Olson, Brian Penniston, Bob Tulloss**

**1980**

**Class agent:** None

**Gary Laffen** has been located by **B.J. d'Orsay, '70**, or maybe Gary found B.J. Anyway. Gary's back in touch. He lives in Huntington Beach, CA

**1981**

**Class agent:** None

**Ricardo Pichardo** recently drove by the school and was pleased to see the work being done there. He lives in the Dominican Republic with his brother, **Jose Pichardo, '73**.

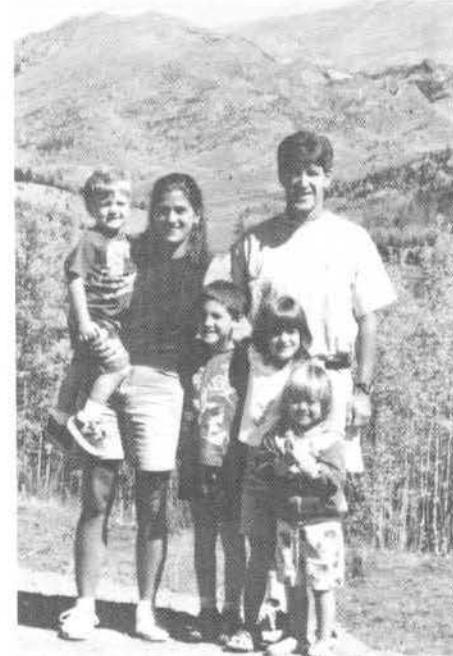
**Reunion:** Murray Fain, Major Todd Livick

**1982**

**Class agent:** None

**1983**  
**Class agent:** Wayne Kreson  
**Reunion:** Wayne Kreson

**1984**  
**Class agent:** Chris Meek



**Mike Sumichrast, '79**, with his family at Pike's Peak, CO. L. to r., Ryan, Mike's pretty wife Carol, Michael, Annie and Lindsay. The Sumichrasts live in Colorado Springs.

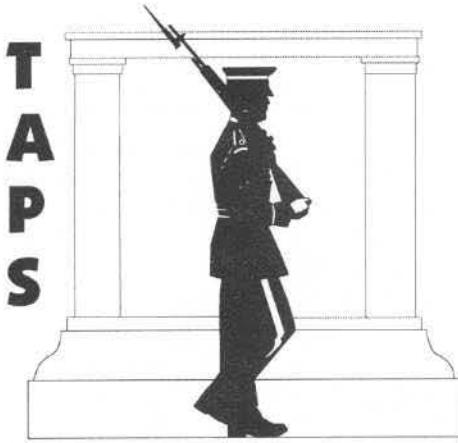
**Chris Meek** and family have relocated to Staten Island, NY.

**Fletcher Ross** has moved from Miami and now lives in Tallahassee. e-mail: fletcherross@yahoo.com

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**BUY A BRICK TO REMEMBER A PET  
DETAILS ON PAGES 30-31**

**John Reed, '18**

15 April 1999, at Lexington, KY, age 98. Retired superintendent of mutual departments in race tracks around the US and Canada. University of Michigan; Sigma Delta Chi. US Army in World War One. Lexington Humane Society. AMA alumni will remember when Mr. Reed attended a reunion where the VMI Cadet Corps passed in review in honor of Augusta. Reed was a pallbearer for **Stanley Bach, '30**, in February of 1998.

**Major General C. E. McCarty, '23**

5 April 1999, at Portland, OR, age 93. 36 years service in US Army and US Air Force. Distinguished Flying Cross, 5 Air Medals, 2 Legions of Merit, Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and an honorary member of the French Foreign Legion. Piloted first plane to drop supplies at the South Pole in 1956. Headed Operation Deep Freeze, construction of a US scientific station at the South Pole. First to land a Globemaster on the ice of an Arctic lake. Northwestern College of Law. 1942, elected Republican state senator in Oregon, but resigned to join the Army Air Corps. During Korean War, commanded 403<sup>rd</sup> Troop Carrier Wing. Chief of Staff, US Air Forces, Europe.

**Robert L. Harley, '30**

20 February 1999, Wright City, MO. University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School; Sigma Nu fraternity. US Army, 1940-46, captain. Scott Paper Company Marketing Director. Life member, National Rifle Association; American Legion; Elks. *Ad Astra*. Drum major, AMA Band, 1929-30.

Played sax in school band. Champion diver on AMA swim team. *Recall* staff; Corner Club; Tower Club; Filthy Five; Secretary, YMCA. Reported by **Admiral Joseph Yon, '30**.

**Samuel Mason**

**Torian, '31**  
10 August 1998, Halifax, VA, age 85. Graduate, Smithdeal-Massey Business School.

Survived by his wife, a son, and 2 grandchildren.



**Robert Harley, 1930 Recall**

**William Armstrong, '32**

11 April 1999, age 85. Author of *Sounder*, winner of the Newberry Medal in 1970, named best novel on the New York Times Best Children's Books list in 1971, and made into a feature length Disney movie in 1972. Nominated for the Academy Award. *Cum laude* graduate of Hampden-Sydney with graduate work at the University of Virginia. (story on page 10) Taught history at Kent



**Bill Armstrong, 1932 Recall**

School in Kent, CT for 52 years where he lived just outside of town, tended sheep on his farm, and rode his bicycle to and from campus. With his children, Armstrong opened an art show at the Rose Gallery at Kent. Survived by a son, David; a daughter, Mary; and a grandson, Christopher.

**William Elmer Gray, '37**

10 February 1999, at Arlington (VA) Hospital, lung cancer and pneumonia, age 80. Long time AMA Chaplain and former President of the AMA Alumni Association. (story on page 6) Attended VMI and University of Maryland. US Army in WW II, service in Europe and North Africa. Member, American

Legion, for more than 50 years; Commander of 2 different Legion Posts in Washington, DC. Past Department Commander, VFW. Mason, Scottish Rite, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. At the time of his death, Service Officer of General Billy Mitchell Post 85, Arlington, VA. Survived by his wife, Betty Ellen; a sister, Patricia Hollett of Chestertown, MD; a son, John E. Gray of Katy, TX; 2 granddaughters; a great grandson; 3 stepsons, a step daughter, and 8 step grandchildren.



**Bill Gray, 1937 Recall**

**William Pickeral, '37**

24 March 1999, at Richmond, age 81. Worked for engineering design firms in Richmond, Washington, DC, and Lynchburg. Amateur boxer; Golden Gloves Champion of Virginia, 1936 and 1937. US Army, World War II. On AMA boxing team; South Atlantic Prep School 115 pound Champion. Survived by a son, James of Richmond; 2 daughters, Sarah Pickeral of Falls Church, VA and Joanne Taylor of Severna Park, MD.

**Lee "Rudy" Crisman, '37**

5 March 1999, at Westlake Village, CA. Star quarterback of AMA football team; track and field record setter. Won scholarship to University of Alabama; played in Rose Bowl game. Past Member of AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors. Reported by **Mickey Gordon, '39**.



**Dick Segoine, 1938 Recall**

**Richard Segoine, Jr., '38**

20 January 1999, Naples, FL, age 80. US Army, Military Police, 1941-45; retired as captain, 1948. Graduate, William and Mary. Lived in Island Heights, NJ before moving to Florida in 1975. Survived by his wife, Louise; a son, Richard, III, of Maui, HI; a daughter, Sharon Rankin of Lynwood,

WA; a sister, Mary Davis of Plymouth, MN; 9 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. Reported by **John Carter, '53**.

**Fred R. Whipple, '38**

31 March 1999, at the University of Virginia Medical Center, age 82. Dunsmore Business School. US Army counterintelligence, World War II. Employed by Internal Revenue Service; retired dairy farmer. Member of the Board, Bank of Rockbridge, for 47 years. Board of Directors, Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. Survived by his wife, Mollie, of Brownsburg, VA; a son, Fred, Jr. of Brownsburg; a daughter, Dana Whipple of Brownsburg; a brother, David of Brownsburg; and 4 grandsons. Reported by **Mickey Gordon, '39**.

**Lewis Pendleton, Jr., '39**

20 April 1999, Greensboro, NC. Served in US Army, 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 104<sup>th</sup> Division, 1941-45. Awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster. Graduate of University of Maryland and T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. Practiced law in Richmond 1951-89. Founder, Virginia Anglers Club. Began career as an artist after he retired to Kernersville, NC in 1989. At AMA, was in Band Company and Augusta's cavalry unit. Survived by 2 daughters: Margaret Moore and Amanda Johnson; and 4 grandchildren. Reported by **Jim McCausland, '39**.

**Barry Spanjaard, '48**

18 March 1998, of cancer, in Santa Clarita, CA. Survivor of the Holocaust (see story on page 43). Attended business school after AMA; buyer for Bloomingdale's in New York City; sales executive with Max Factor in California. After his retirement, at the behest of his wife, Bunny, published *Don't Fence Me In*, an account of his time in Nazi death camps. Lectured on his book in later life. Survived by his wife, Bunny, of Santa Clarita, CA; a son, Fred Spanjaard of Malibu, CA; and a cousin, Jacques, of New York City.

**Charles H. Patterson, Jr., '48**

9 September 1987, farm accident, Grottoes, VA. At AMA, played intramural basketball; A Company. No further details.

**John F. Marozza, '49**

9 May 1999, at Anne Arundel Medical Center, MD from complications resulting from diabetes. Attended Christopher Newport College. Served in Korean War, sergeant, US Army.

After 22 years with Baltimore Police Department, founded TLC Horse Transport which operated for 10 years. Owner, Windsor Hills Horse Farm. Survived by his wife, Mary Theresa; 3 sons, Michael, Mark and David, all of Severna Park, MD; and 2 grandchildren.

**Jorge Trillo, '52**

7 February 1999, in Miami, age 65. After leaving AMA, Trillo had a promising career in Cuba as a movie and TV character actor using the stage name Jorge Marx. Exiled when Castro took over Cuba, he moved to Miami in 1959. Reported by **Manuel Balbis, '53**.

**Kenneth Scanlon, '57**

28 April 1999, Hopewell, VA, cancer. CW, Headquarters Company. After AMA, Ken returned to his home in Pittsburgh to finish his education and work in the family plumbing business. Later, he joined a travelling construction company and worked up and down the East Coast. Survived by his wife, Joanne; 3 children; and 5 grandchildren. Reported by **David Merenick, '57**.

**Thomas W. Willcox, '58**

31 March 1999, at Portsmouth, VA. Director of Development, Roanoke Catholic Schools. Old Dominion University, biology. US Naval Reserve. Worked with American Red Cross. President, Roanoke Kiwanis Club. National board, National Society

of Fund Raising Executives. Member, Virginia Pilot's Association. *Ad Astra* at AMA; Captain, Band Company; Honor Society; class president; swim team, Tiger football; former member of the Board of Trustees, AMA Alumni Association. Survived by a brother, **Claiborne Wilcox, '61**. *The family requests that memorials be made to the AMA Scholarship Fund.*



**John Marozza, '49**  
*Recall*



**Bob Siman, '60**  
*Recall*

**Robert E. Siman, '60**

1998, of lung cancer, in Columbia, SC. Navy helicopter pilot with 2 tours in Vietnam. Lacrosse team at AMA. Survived by his wife, Jane; 3 daughters; and a son.

**Nancy W. Leavel**

15 March 1999, at Chesapeake, VA, age 73. Survived by her husband **V.P. Leavel, '39**; 2 daughters, Tighe Forbes of New York City and Tracy Barry of Fairfax, VA; 2 sons, Porter of Richmond and Scott of Kill Devil Hills, NC; a sister, Charlotte Scott of Staunton; and 4 grandchildren.

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## Deaths of Augusta men reported since May of 1998

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Billy Coleman, '46  
Lee Rudy Crisman, '37  
Carl W. Davis, '59  
Dr. Leroy Diamond, '47  
Leigh H. Forbes, Jr., '53  
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William E. Gray, Jr., '37  
Robert Harley, '30  
Dr. Ward Harshbarger, '33  
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Arthur Littlepage, '32  
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MG C. E. McCarty, '23  
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Fred R. Whipple, '38  
S. Gordon Whittle, III, '42  
Wyatt Willcox, '58  
Frank Wright, '58  
Charles L. Yon, '29

As the shadows lengthen tonight, the sun will set on an empty barracks, but your memories will soar with you for eternity... goodbye.

- FROM GENERAL ROLLER'S TOMBSTONE

## Wrote popular book at AMA

# Death takes Nazi concentration camp survivor

News has just reached us of the death of **Barry Spanjaard**, '48, in March of 1998. Reprinted herewith is a **SPOTLIGHT** article from the September 1995 *Bayonet*:

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No one at AMA knew in 1946 that Barry Spanjaard was writing a book. He was supposed to be doing his homework in his 3<sup>rd</sup> stoop room, but instead he was writing down the experiences he had just endured in a series of Nazi concentration camps.

Young Barry, then 16, had been saved from death because he was an American citizen. His parents were Dutch Jews who had come to America in 1920. Barry was born in a New York hospital on 16 August 1929. In 1932, the Spanjaard family returned to Amsterdam where they were living when the German army marched in in 1940.

It seemed that Barry's American birth would protect him and his family from the Nazi "final solution," but in April of 1943 his family was arrested and sent to Westerbork, a camp near the German border. From there, they eventually wound up in the infamous Bergen-Belsen Camp where the German commandant had said, "The only way a Jew will ever leave this camp is through a chimney."

### A prisoner exchange

The Spanjaard family was imprisoned for 655 days, and finally all were set free in a prisoner exchange in the last days of January, 1945. But Barry's father lived only 2 days after reaching freedom in Switzerland, the victim of 2 years of malnourishment and mistreatment in the death camps of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich.

Barry and his mother sailed for the United States on the *Grispholm*, and as the ship docked in New York, young Barry heard the voice of Bing Crosby on a P.A. system singing

*Don't Fence Me In* honoring the GI's on board who had been POWs.

With many family members to welcome them, the Spanjaards began

to prepare for life in a country where Barry could not speak or understand a single word of English. Someone in the family decided that a military school would be a good place for this veteran of concentra-



Barry in 1942



At AMA in 1946

tion camps, so in the fall of 1946, Barry found himself at the Augusta Military Academy. Needless to say, he was not particularly fond of being ordered around by men in uniform.

### The book

"I did not plan to write a book," said Spanjaard. "I just wrote down things to get them off my chest while I was at AMA. I wrote the manuscript in my room instead of doing my homework. I was caught by one of the teachers who took away my work... but after he read it there came an offer to publish it in the Richmond and Baltimore papers."

"If I had said yes, well, that's how 'The Diary of Anne Frank' got started, and my story was a year before hers, so, who knows..."

Barry put the manuscript away for 30 years until his wife found it, read it, and convinced Barry to publish it. The title: *Don't Fence Me In*, first published in 1981.

Nearly 100,000 copies of the book have sold including 20,000 copies in Japan. Barry toured the country giving lectures and talking about his book.

He was the subject of a *This is Your Life* TV show and his story has been chronicled more than once on the History Channel. *Don't Fence Me In* is now in its 16<sup>th</sup> printing.

Barry went into the U.S. Army in the 1950's and served in Military Intelligence from 1953 until 1955.

And where did they station him? In Germany.

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Barry Spanjaard in 1982

### To purchase *Don't Fence Me In*

A special price of \$8 a copy, plus postage, is available to AMA alumni and friends of AMA.

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# Who is the mystery cadet?

Who is the Augusta Military Academy cadet in this picture?

At the dedication ceremonies for the AMA Alumni House and Museum, Reverend James Dunlap surprised his audience by producing the picture shown here.

He explained that the picture and its frame were at auction. "Others wanted the frame," he said. "We wanted the picture."

After presenting the picture to the AMA Alumni Association for the AMA Museum, Reverend Dunlap then produced a full dress Augusta uniform which the church also donated to the museum.

Now, begins the search. Who is the cadet in the picture? When and where was the picture made? And how did such a handsome cadet in such a beautiful frame end up in an auction house?



Two ministers of the Pentecostal Church show the AMA Alumni House dedication audience the mysterious cadet picture which was presented to the AMA Alumni Association.



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